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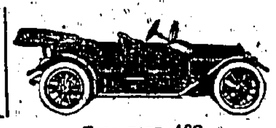
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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PARIS CONFERENCE.

ATTEMPT TO PLACATE BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, January 22nd.

A Peace Conference *communiqué* says that the representatives of the five Great Powers have approved President Wilson's proposal, which emphasises that the sole desire of the Associated Governments is to help the Russians, and not to interfere with their internal concerns.

The *communiqué* reiterates friendliness, not enmity, towards Russia and declares that their wish is to alleviate the present conditions and to assist in the restoration of order.

The Associated Governments unreservedly recognise the revolution and proclaim that it is not their intention to countenance counter-revolutionary bodies.

They recognise the impossibility of Europe and the world being at peace, while peace does not exist in Russia.

The Associated Powers recognise and accept it as their duty therefore to serve Russia in this great matter as generously, and unselfishly, as thoughtfully, and ungrudgingly, as they would serve every other friend and ally, and they are ready to render this service in a way that is most acceptable to Russia. In this spirit and with this purpose they invite every organised group now exercising, or attempting to exercise, authority or military control in Siberia, or within the pre-war boundaries of European Russia, except Finland, to send three representatives for each such group to Prince's Island in the Sea of Marmora, where they will be met by representatives of the Associated Powers, provided a truce is in the meantime proclaimed among the parties invited, and provided that all armed forces sent against the people or territory outside pre-war European Russia or Finland, or anywhere where autonomous action is contemplated under President Wilson's 14 points, are in the meanwhile withdrawn.

The object of the afore-mentioned representatives meeting is to ascertain Russian wishes and arrive at an understanding by which Russia will work out her own purposes, and happy co-operative relations between Russia and the other world peoples will be established.

A prompt reply is requested. It is stated that the Allies will facilitate the representatives' journey across the Black Sea, and expect that all parties will give similar facilities to the representatives, who are expected at the appointed place on February 15th.

The *communiqué* adds that the Plenary Conference, on January 25th, will discuss the League of Nations on the basis of Mr. Lloyd George's proposals.

A "WET BLANKET."

PARIS, January 22nd.

Lord Robert Cecil, the head of the League of Nations' section of the British Delegation, conversing with British journalists, considered that the world had not yet reached a stage at which an absolutely rigid system for the preservation of international peace could be organised. Even an international tribunal, with absolutely binding powers, was at present unworkable.

He foresaw the creation of a Council, in which, as in labour disputes, influence and conciliation would be the peacemakers.

The main strength which such a body should possess was sufficient internationally guaranteed power to be able to prevent surprise declarations of war, and compel disputants to accept delay in order that a peaceful solution might be propounded.

Referring to the constitution of the Council of the League, he considered that it should comprise the representatives of the great nations, not the diplomats, but influential members of each Government sitting regularly.

No treaties should be passed unless conforming with the League rules.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Lord Robert Cecil pointed out that certain International Organisations already existed, for example, the Posts and Telegraphs and the pre-war Danube Commission, the Rhine Convention and even the International Labour Organisation. It could be easily seen that certain waterways and towns would henceforth have to be internationally controlled or free access to inland states guaranteed. Certain nations would be strongly interested in a free access to Salonika. The most important case was the Dardanelles and Bosphorous. These examples of a necessary international agency led naturally to a new international organisation whose object would be the welfare of the nations of the world.

THE RUSSIAN DIFFICULTY.

PARIS, January 23rd.

The Russian Ambassadors now in Paris have conferred with M. Sazonoff regarding the decision of the Supreme Council to send a Commission to Prince's Island to meet the Russian parties. They decided to urge their friends in Russia to support the Conference plan.

LONDON, January 23rd.

While the Allied Conference's decision regarding Russia is welcomed in Great Britain as raising the whole problem to a lofty plane and as a noble example of the Conference's impartiality, there is some doubt expressed as to whether the plan will not antagonise the various anti-Bolshevik governments of Russia.

French newspapers generally condemn the decision as far as it applies to the Bolsheviks.

A SUMMARY.

PARIS, January 23rd.

A *communiqué* states that the Powers have decided to send a Commission, consisting of two representatives, one civilian and one military, to Prince's Island to meet the Russian envoys.

A similar mission will go to Danzig to meet the Poles.

The public plenary session of the Conference will be held on January 25th and will discuss the League of Nations.

Mr. Lloyd George submits a proposal consisting of a few short clauses of the general terms, then President Wilson submits a plan drafted after conversations with M. Leon Bourgeois, Lord Robert Cecil and General Smuts, all of whom will probably speak.

Finally, a special League of Nations' Committee will be appointed to study the question thoroughly.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS CONFERENCE.

INDEMNITIES.

PARIS, January 23rd.

The Peace Conference will appoint an Indemnities' Committee to determine the amount of damage the Germans have done, the amount of indemnities payable by Germany, and to define a possible method of payment.

PARIS, January 23rd.

Sir Douglas Haig and Mr. Winston Churchill have left for Paris.

POLAND.

LONDON, January 22nd.

A *communiqué* from Paris dated January 22nd, states that the Supreme War Council has considered the Polish question. Having consulted Marshal Foch, the Council has decided to send two delegates, one military, and the other civil, to Poland, immediately.

AMSTERDAM, January 22nd.

A Berlin message states that a British Note of January 8th requested the German Government to refrain from the provocation of the Poles in East Prussia, West Prussia, Posen, and Silesia, and pointed out that the Peace Conference in deciding the future of the eastern frontiers would be influenced by the German capacity to govern districts of mixed populations.

The German Government replied, declaring that it had done everything possible to redress the Polish grievances and accusing the Poles of provoking the Germans. Referring especially to the actions of M. Paderewski, Colonel Wade in Posen, says that an upheaval in that province forced him to take military measures to restore order.

WARSAW, January 23rd.

It transpires that the recent report of the attempted assassination of M. Paderewski is baseless.

The situation in Poland is difficult.

It is reported that German forces are being sent to Poland to fight the Poles; also that 30,000 Ukrainians are assisting.

Austro-German airmen attacked the Poles in Lemberg and cut off the city's light and water.

WARSAW, January 23rd.

The Paderewski Government has arrested numerous Bolshevist agitators and suspended an Extremist paper which glorified Herr Liebknicht and Rosa of Luxemburg.

It has been indubitably established that the Russo-German Bolshevists supplied huge funds to the Polish Extremists.

BOLSHEVIKS.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Reuter learns that the Bolsheviks are reported to have captured Orenburg. If it is correct this is unfortunate as it increases the difficulties of the Russian and Siberian army and threatens the British force in Transcaspia.

The main Bolshevik force will now be able to advance along the railway to the south-east from Orenburg.

STOCKHOLM, January 20th.

A telegram from Helsingfors states that the Russian Red Guards are attacking and pillaging the Finnish frontier.

Herr Radek has reappeared.

AMSTERDAM, January 23rd.

The reports that armies of millions of Bolshevists were marching on Ge many are exaggerated. No more than 50,000 Bolshevists troops have crossed the line, Riga-Dvinsk and Vilna.

NEW GERMANY.

LONDON, January 22nd.

It has been announced in Berlin that Germany will be divided into a Federation of eight Republics, headed by Greater Berlin, with a population of 10,000,000.

The others will be Prussia, Silesia, Brandenburg, Lower Saxony, Westphalia, Hesse and Rhineland.

The Federal State of German-Austria will also be established.

AMSTERDAM, January 22nd.

The following are further results of the German elections, as far as were known to the afternoon of January 21st:—

Christian National Peoples' Party, 57 seats; German Peoples' Party 14; German Democrats, 58; Majority Socialists, 132; Independent Socialists, 22.

AMSTERDAM, January 23rd.

A telegram from Berlin states that returns until last night were:—German Nationals, 33; Christians, 80; German Peoples, 22; German Democrats, 24; Majority Socialists, 160; Independent Socialists, 23.

PORTUGAL.

MANOEL READY TO RETURN.

LONDON, January 22nd.

A statement on behalf of ex-King Manoel, published in the *Daily Chronicle*, says that the assassination of Dr. S. Paes created a new situation reducing the country into chaos.

Hence ex-King Manoel did not expect his supporters to be bound by the wish he expressed to them on the outbreak of the war to refrain from movement in his favour. He was in no way privy to the present movement, but he knows that certain leaders have confidence in it.

As regards himself, he is absolutely at the service of his people. If they call him, he is prepared to go immediately.

LISBON, January 20th.

It is officially stated that the city is quiet.

The Cabinet has taken energetic measures to maintain order in the country.

The troops of sailors and Police in Lisbon support the Government.

A strict blockade of Oporto has been ordered.

LISBON, January 21st.

An official message states that only three Divisions of the army, namely Oporto, Braga and Vizen, support the Monarchists. The remaining seventeen Divisions are faithful to the Republic.

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CHINESE SHIP HUSBANDRY.

The blunders made by would-be Chinese ship-owners in the conversion or building of steamers without adequate foreign supervision and advice have been already dealt with, mistakes that have enormously increased the cost of the necessary alterations and have seriously affected the profit-earning capacity of the vessel. The methods employed in the running of the ships are often as costly and the money that is wasted in doing things to the ship that are not required and leaving undone necessary ones is another source of loss that must tell heavily against the small Chinese shipowner who finds himself called upon to compete with ships run under foreign supervision, whether foreign or Chinese.

The Chinese shipowner does not appear to realize that the success of the vessel as a moneymaking concern depends upon the co-ordination of effort of all concerned toward one common aim and thus it often happens that the master and officers of the vessel, particularly where foreigners are carried, are looked upon as solely concerned with the navigation of the ship from one port to the other and not with the stowage of the cargo in such a manner as to enable her to reach her destination with the least expenditure of coal and time. Cargo is thus sent down at times and in quantities unsuitable to the circumstances and, as the master has little or no control over the compradore, who is, or should be, only responsible for the number of packages taken in and discharged, the vessel is oftimes loaded in a manner that renders her unseaworthy, or her trim so bad as to increase her draft and the driving power of the engines required to move her from one port to the other. Each shipper has a somewhat natural anxiety to have his goods stowed in the 'tweendecks where they can be discharged with the least possible delay and it would appear that the Chinese charged with the duty of receiving the cargo are amenable to the ubiquitous "cumshaw" in return for which permission is given to stow the goods in any site that suits the convenience of the shipper, irrespective of its effect on the stability or trim of the vessel. Protests from the master are unavailing, these being met with the simple formula "office have talkee" and any effort of the master to convince the owners that such haphazard method of stowage and the improper distribution of weights resulted in a loss of carrying power, and consequently earning power, of the ship would be ineffective and would probably result in his replacement by a more complacent navigator who is content to let the vessel be loaded as the shippers and tallyclerks see fit and to take her to sea so long as she will stand on a fairly even keel.

In the matter of the personnel, even less attention is paid to that standard of efficiency that can only be attained by co-ordination. It is freely said that things happen on the smaller Chinese-owned vessels that would appear incredible on any vessel. Workmen are sent on board by the owner, without consulting those in charge of the ship, carry out sundry alterations, that may or may not be required, in a manner that makes it a sheer waste of material and labour; stores are supplied that are not wanted and requisite material is withheld because no dealer has offered a sufficiently large bonus to the management to make it worth while ordering them. Boatswains, compradores and even engineers are changed or engaged without the slightest regard to their suitability and the vessel is worked in so many watertight compartments each one independent of the other.

It is, therefore, no wonder that even with attractive freights, a number of these vessels can barely pay their way and, faced with keener competition, would go to the wall for the lack of that management that is summed up in efficiency and the elimination of waste, both in time and material.—Shipping and Engineering, Jan. 17.

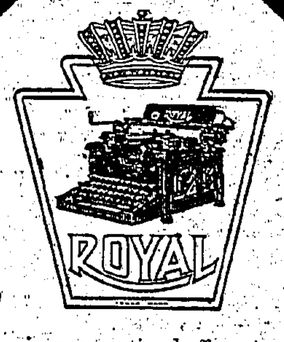
A circumstance unique in the annals of Kedah football is mentioned, by the Kedah correspondent of the "Pinang Gazette." The Treasury and Audit met the Police in the semi final of the cup on the evening of January 4, and the contest ended, for the fourth time, in a pointless draw.

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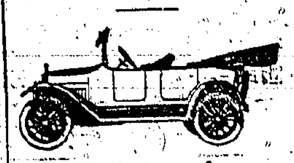
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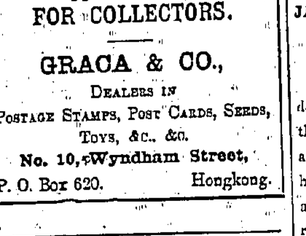
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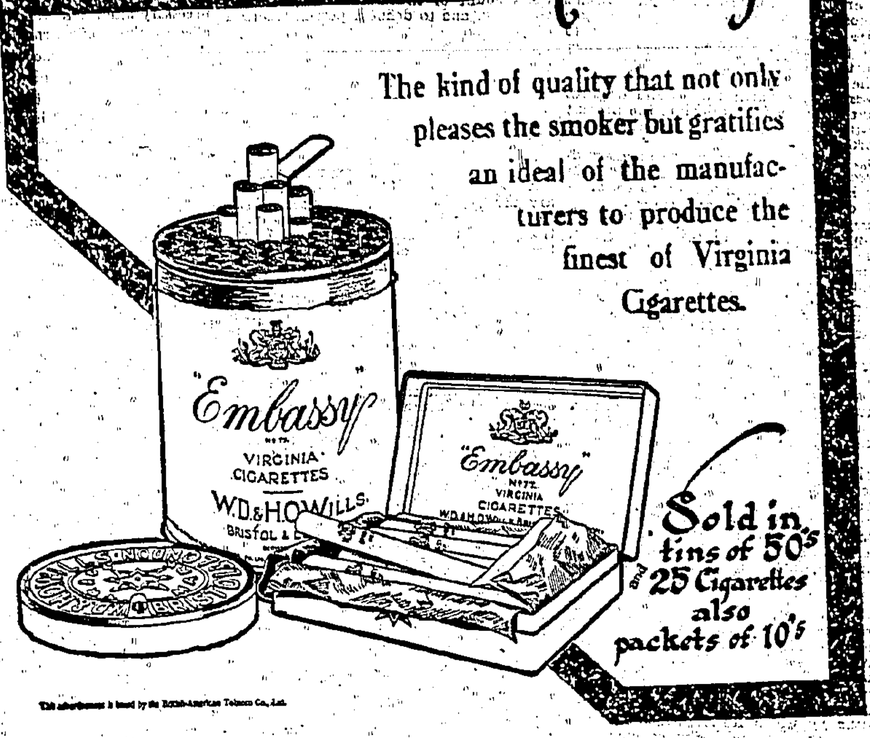
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PROFITEERS IN POLAND.

Formal ex-communication was meted out to profiteers in Grodno recently. The chandeliers of the chief synagogue were draped with black. Two black coffins were placed in the middle. Three rabbis gave talks on patriotism and then cursed the usurers and war profiteers while the trumpet sounded.

JAPANESE NEWS AGENCY DENIES RUMOUR.

The Japanese people at large learn with deep regret of the rumour circulating that the Chinese peace delegate to Europe are under the pressure of Japan. It is hoped that the Chinese people would not attach any importance to such unfounded rumour. Surely the Chinese Government should not be misled on account of such "news."

JAPAN PLANS PUBLIC WIRELESS TELEPHONES.

The Communications Department, Tokyo, has outlined the scheme of inaugurating a public wireless telephone service between Tokyo and Yokohama, and it has been under trial operation since last month. Should this experiment prove satisfactory, a similar service will be opened between Yokohama and Kobe and, furthermore, the connecting service of the wireless telegraphy with the wireless telephone will be also undertaken.

JAPAN AND FRANCE AFTER COTTON TRADE.

Japan and France are both going after the textile trade. French manufacturers have been in Lancashire placing orders for millions of dollars worth of looms to replace those destroyed or stolen by the Germans. Japanese agents have been through the country buying up old looms at prices three or four times higher than before the war. Already the Japanese controls the greater part of the market for the cheaper cotton cloths in the far east and is going after still more of the cotton trade which once was the monopoly of Lancashire.

CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

Advices received from London indicate that a great deal of interest is being taken there in China's railways and other assets. It is not known what special circumstances have excited this interest but it is thought possibly that more news from this part of the world, is being printed in the London papers now that the war is over and the reawakened interest in these and kindred matters may simply be due to enlarged knowledge. The reported vivified interest is regarded in Tientsin with a good deal of satisfaction.

EDUCATION AT HOME.

According to Dr. Clifford, the famous "Passive Resister," the following is the programme now:

(1) For full public control of elementary education by the people who pay for it.

(2) The abolition of denominational tests, direct or indirect, for teachers.

(3) The removal of the cost of sectarian teaching from public funds.

(4) Against sectarian teaching being given by any member of the school staff.

(5) Against parents having any power other than that of ratepayers and voters in controlling the appointment of teachers or in fixing the curriculum of the schools.

TRAINED HERE.

By the "Van Waerwijck" on Wednesday morning Dr. Ong Huck Chye returned from Hongkong after having graduated M.B., B.S., at the University there, says the "Straits Echo." He is the third son of Mr. Ong Hun Sun and was educated in the Penang Free School where he obtained several scholarships. He matriculated in September, 1913, and joined the Medical Faculty of the Hongkong University in that year, being awarded the Bellilios Scholarship. He was thus away for five years, the minimum period required to obtain the Medical Degree, which he secured in May last, heading the list and winning the Ho Fook scholarship. From July to December, 1918, he availed himself of the privilege offered him of holding the dual appointment of House Surgeon and House Physician at the Government Civil Hospital there. During the latter part of his University life, he was voted Chairman of the University Union and also undertook the work of Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong University Medical Society.

A HORRID SUGGESTION.

Colonel Repington, in the "Morning Post," doubts if the coal shortage is due to the Army's demand for men. Is the true cause not financial? Is not the 80 per cent. excess profit tax the real reason? What colliery manager is going to exhause his capital, namely, his seven or his four foot seams, when 80 per cent. of his excess profits has to go in taxes? When he has gained his dividends he stops, and employs his labour in opening up the mine for future development. There would be no lack of coal were an untaxed limit of production to be fixed for each mine. It would be much more effective than the demand for the recall of 30,000. A man from the Army, the equivalent of three divisions of our fighting strength, and as bad as the loss of a battle.

A MASONIC AMBASSADOR.

Mr. John William Davis, the new American Ambassador to England, is a Mason of high degree. He is keenly interested in the craft, and is sure to join some representative British lodge. The American Press thinks that to be a 32nd degree Mason can conceivably serve a foreign Ambassador in great stead, especially in a capital like London, where Masonry is held in such high esteem and claims so many exalted devotees."

CALCUTTA-RANGOON AIR MAIL SERVICE.

Intimation has been received by the postmaster-general, Burma, that Mr. Booth, I.C.S., postmaster-general of Bengal, and Mr. Fforde, representing the Handley-Page Aeroplane Company, are on their way to Burma in connection with the establishment of an aerodrome there in connection with the proposed scheme of establishing an aerial mail services between Burma and India, in other words, between Calcutta and Rangoon. They have been to Akyab in their search for suitable ground to establish an aerodrome. The land they desire in Rangoon must be within a reasonable distance and not less than 600 yards square and as far as possible beyond the possibility of being flooded during the rainy season. The visitors were to remain in Burma until after Christmas, leaving on the return journey to India by the mail steamer on December 27.

RUBANA RUBBER.

The total crop harvested for the year amounted to 800,637 lbs. and the average gross price realised, including the estimated value of the unsold portion of the crop was equivalent to 2s. 1.88d. per lb., London landed terms. The directors have agreed to participate in the scheme proposed by the Rubber Growers' Association for the restriction of output to 80 per cent. of the crop collected in 1917, and the crop to be harvested during the current year is therefore 624,000 lbs. The cost of production free on board at port of shipment, including commission to staff and depreciation, was 11.54d. per lb. The all-in cost (London equivalent) was 1s. 3.47d. per lb. The net profit for the year is £36,439, to which must be added the balance brought forward, £6,342. Out of the available balance the directors propose to place to reserve for income-tax £5,500, and they recommend a final dividend of 5 per cent. (making 10 per cent. for the year), £12,500, leaving to be carried forward £11,281.

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MONDAY,

January 27, 1919, at 11 a.m., at the Central Police Station,

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Hongkong, January 20, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned),

on

MONDAY,

January 27, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at the Royal Naval Yard Police Quarters (Top Floor), Queen's Road,

The Whole of the

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comprising :—

Finely carved Blackwood Cabinet, Massive Blackwood Curio Cabinet (glass doors), Blackwood tables, Opium stool, &c., &c.

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Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

(FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED)

ON

TUESDAY,

January 28, 1919, at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

One Winchester Repeating Rifle and appliances for making ammunition for same.

Terms :—Cash.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
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Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

(For Account of the Concerned.)

ON

TUESDAY,

January 28, 1919, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Vœux Road, Corner of Ice House Street,

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Hongkong, Jan. 22, 1919.

INTIMATIONS.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY 29th January, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.
General Agents for the
WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, January 13, 1918.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 11.45 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE, LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkon, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th Jan., 1919, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the statement of accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY 18th, to WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, (both days inclusive during which period, no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1919, at 12.15 p.m., for the purposes of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

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MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
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Hongkong, January 13, 1919.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Offices of Messrs. DODWELL & Co., LIMITED, on THURSDAY, the 30th January, 1919, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1918.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd to 30th January, 1919, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTIETH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, VICTORIA BUILDINGS on TUESDAY 4th February, 1919, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving the REPORT of DIRECTORS together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1918.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY 28th January, to TUESDAY 4th February, 1919, (both days inclusive), during which period no TRANSFER of SHARES can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.
General Agents for the
KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong January 21, 1919.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Pedder Street, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 8th day of February, 1919, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as an extraordinary resolution :—

"That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following, viz :—

"In Article 82 the word "five" shall be substituted for the word "four."

The effect of this resolution will be to increase the maximum number of the Directors from 4 to 5.

Should the resolution be passed by the required majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a special resolution to a second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated 24th day of January, 1919.

By Order of the Board,
J. H. TAGGART,
Secretary and Manager.

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All women are cordially invited.

H. E. The Officer Administering the Government will preside and Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Mrs. Gurner and Mrs. Stabb will speak.

ALICE D. HICKLING,
Hon. Sec. Q.M.N.G.

Hongkong, January 24, 1919.

G. R.

SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, HONGKONG.

TO THE

OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 3 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS and VENTILATION BYE-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the CENTRAL Division of the City of Victoria, and the WESTERN Division of Kowloon occupied by Members of more than one family, except those within the European Reservation or in Kowloon South of Austin Road, or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the Owners during the months of December and January.

N.B.—The word 'throughout' used in this Notice means that the Houses should be Limewashed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Cubicles, Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs.

The Backyard must have its containing Walls Limewashed up to the level of the First Floor.

Carved, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be Limewashed, but must be Cleansed.

The CENTRAL Division of the City lies between Gilman Street and Peel Street, on the East and Tank Lane and Cleverly Street on the West.

Kowloon is divided into the Eastern and Western Divisions by Nathan Road and a straight line drawn from the North and through the Yaumati service reservoir to the Northern Boundary of Kowloon.

D. DANBY,
Secretary.

Dated this 24th day of Jan., 1919.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Interest and Responsibility of George Banker of and in the Import and Export business carried on at Hongkong under the style or firm name of "BANKER and COMPANY" ceased as from the 1st January, 1919, from which date the business will be carried on by SAMUEL EBENEZER GREEN.

Dated the 20th January, 1919.

GEO. BANKER,
S. E. GREEN.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THOMAS PERCIVAL LINDSAY WOODS is authorized to SIGN our firm per procuration.

Dated the 20th January, 1919.

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Alterations and additions to Advertisements on pages 1, 4, 5 and 10 should be sent us not later than 1 p.m.

New Advertisements should be sent in before 2 p.m.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JAN. 25, 1919.

"TON FOR TON" IMPOSSIBLE.

The "China Mail" has already in this column indicated the difficulties ahead of the much desired "ton for ton" compensation to be paid by the Germans. There are not enough German bottoms in existence to pay for our losses, so that a literal ton for ton (in kind) is impossible. We pointed out that the proposal that Germans should be set to work building ships in order to give them to us in exchange for those of ours they pirated might be detrimental to British shipbuilders, especially to the workers. There remains only the alternative that they should pay us the money with which to replace our shipping losses; and this brings on the question of indemnities.

During the elections at Home, the ministerial candidates said nothing in their addresses to help us to glean what the policy with regard to indemnities is to be, nor even what they would wish it to be. The British and French Governments are looking into the question of what Germany is likely to be able to pay, which indicates that they at least expect payments. France, who had to pay one to Germany, will naturally expect an indemnity. America is against the exaction of any. Our Government—the British—steers at present a middle course apparently. It insists on just reparation, but is willing to spread it over a long term.

France and Belgium for actual damage suffered want from 2,000 to 2,500 millions sterling. The losses of the other Allies, pooled, will come to a larger sum; say, altogether more than twenty times the amount Germany exacted from France in 1871. There have been suggestions that German labour should be compelled to rebuild roads, towns, etc., in Belgium, France, Serbia, Italy, and Rumania. This is not quite the same as the suggestion that the Germans should build ships to replace those of ours that were destroyed by them, but it is probably open to a similar objection. It would, moreover, need a queer sort of international foreman, or gang-boss, wouldn't it? That all the gold in Germany should be taken is reasonable enough, but that would be only a small instalment on account. In the absence of cash, there arises the question of payment in goods. Sir Eric Geddes has pointed out that this would stagnate our labour market. The Germans would be thus forced to increase a competitive production. There are two ways suggested to cripple German competition. One is the popular one of boycott, for which we have seen enthusiastic mass meetings voting in various parts of the Empire. But that, as many people have seen, is to kill our chance of indemnity, even of deferred payments. The other is to demand such indemnities in goods (for sale on our account) as will keep the Germans busy for years paying off their debt. But though this would ease taxes, perhaps, it would, as Sir Eric Geddes has pointed out, increase our problem of unemployment. We should be cutting off our nose to spite our face, as an old saying goes. Harking back to the shipping end of the question, in which Hongkong is naturally more immediately interested, there is a proposal that two shipping pools should be formed, by the Allied and the Central Powers, to regularise the situation. One difficulty which emerges is that in this matter it becomes inevitable that the United States and ourselves should regard proposals from a different angle. We wish to restore our great mercantile marine. The United States desire to create a great mercantile marine. About 18 months ago our Government hoped that ships for us might be built in America; but a United States law was passed that all ships built on that side must be American. Later, we sought to buy the control of the White Star interests—the White Star ships, though on the British register and sailing under the British flag, being owned by a company which is mainly American. Sanction was refused for this sale, however, and purchase by the United States Government was ultimately effected. In view of these tendencies, it is thought in well-informed circles that the double pool arrangement might be difficult to work.

Thus America, with interests that are not ours, stands in the way on two separate points. This is unfortunate. We can only wait and see what the outcome of the Paris Conference is to be, hoping (somewhat dubiously) for the best.

ENGLISH IN JAVA.

There will be no need for 'esperanto', 'volapuk,' or any of the artificial international languages, if English goes on spreading in the way it seems to be doing. The Java "Nieuwe Courant," which has been in existence two years, has now started an English supplement, with four columns of editorial comment and news. At present there are not more than 500 British in Java, which would not seem enough to warrant such an enterprise. Perhaps the reason is to be found in the immense Chinese population, who seem to prefer English to Dutch as—their "lingua franca." They have started an English school, with an English Master, which has been doing well now for over two years. Batavia moreover, has started a monthly trade journal in English, and a sign of the times is that the Government Year Book has just appeared in English for the first time. The English schoolmaster referred to, Mr. W. E. Mann, has also produced a number of new text books in English which are carrying on the good work.

Incidentally, at Semarang for "Our Day" the small community of British pluckily "staged" Wilde's "Importance of Being Earnest", not in Dutch or Malay, needless to say.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The exchange value of the dollar on demand is unchanged—at 3s 3. 16d.

The Collections on Sunday (Jan. 26) at St. John's Cathed al will be on behalf of the Hongkong Church Missionary Association.

Entries for the forthcoming Race Meeting close to Mr. Hough to-day (Saturday) at 2 p m.

To-day's report of communicable disease, following several blanks, shows one case of bubonic plague and two of cerebro-spinal fever, all Chinese, and all fatal.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending Jan 11, amounted to 77,443 tons and the sales during the period, to 55,661 tons.

"The African World" announces the death from influenza in France of Major Heggie Schwarz, M.C., the well-known South African cricketer. He had represented England at Rugby football.

The Bishop of Victoria Hongkong gratefully acknowledges $50 from Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin towards the tower of the new Chinese Church at Canton for which an appeal was recently made in the Cathedral.

The Annual Collections are being made to-morrow at St. John's Cathedral on behalf of the Church Missionary Association. The high rate of Exchange tends to greatly reduce the funds available from England so it is hoped the shortage may be covered by extra local donations.

J. P. Morgan and Company, American financiers, have announced that a study of financial conditions in China will be made by John Jay Abbott, vice-president of the Continental and Commercial Trust and Savings bank of Chicago, representing the American bankers who had previously considered a loan to China. He leaves for Peking soon.

Messrs. Warner, Barnes and Company, Limited of Manila report on December 31 that no hemp business was done during the previous 14 days. The receipts in 1918 were 1,410,021 bales. Exports were 1,335,144 bales. Sugar was coming in slowly, with Chinese keen competitors. Piculs 4,139,677 were exported in 1918. Copra market firm, with closing buyers at £30 10s. 9d. per ton. Exports for 1918 dropped to 870,034 tons, as against 1,431,982 in 1917. Improved demand for rice, stocks small, and prices smartly increased. Best 11 pesos per cavan. Flour stocks congested.

An American statistician, keen upon showing how Germany's indemnity is to be paid, has discovered that the payments made to the Kaiser and the German royal family will now be available. They amounted to £1,727,720. As the total claims for actual damage (see to-day's leading article), irrespective of "moral and intellectual" damage, amount to something like 5,000 millions sterling, it is easy to reckon how far these royal emoluments would go. The final payments, on a sinking fund basis, might be made about 4,000 years hence. We cannot wait so long.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRIZE DAY.

MORE SCHOOLS FOR KOWLOON.

The annual prize distribution took place at Queen's College to-day when H.E. the Officer Administering the Government distributed the prizes. Those present included Bishop Pozzoni, Mr. T. Moorhead, Commissioner of Customs, Major Morgan, Capt. T. P. Hall, Mr. Ponsonby Fane and Capt. Pearce. His Excellency was met by a Guard of Honour of the Queen's College Division of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

His Excellency, before distributing the prizes, congratulated the school on the splendid report presented and congratulated the Headmaster on having carried on the school's work in spite of the several epidemics there had been in the Colony during the past year and the many changes these had been on the staff. He paid a special tribute to the work done by the mistresses on the staff and said that had it not been for the work done by the ladies in all the schools of the Colony it would have been impossible to carry on. He said he was glad to see that Queen's College had maintained its reputation in the athletic side of the school. It was to be congratulated in having such a good ground. The sporting spirit of Queen's College was an example to the Colony. Hongkong, His Excellency said, was in a transition period with regard to education. Things had been held up by the war but now they could go on with their reconstruction. There was no subject worthy of more consideration. In all the schools of the Colony there was a demand for more athletic grounds and to meet this it would probably mean that some of the schools would have to be moved over to Kowloon which was a most suitable place. To Kowloon there were now increased means of communication. This matter was one which at present was being considered by the Government.

Annual Report.

ATTENDANCE.

The total number of scholars enrolled during the year ending December 31st 1918 was 989, 54 more than in the previous year.

The average daily attendance was 879, 30 more than in 1917.

The highest attendance was reached on September 11th when 731 were present; the lowest on June 11th, when only 392 attended; this reduction, which was only temporary, was the result of the outbreak of Cerebro-spinal Meningitis and the following day the Medical Officer of Health decided that the College should be closed for five days.

STAFF.

The year under review was one remarkable for the unusually great number of changes on the Staff. The late Head Master, Mr. T. K. Dealy, retired on pension in May, and in the same month three assistant masters, Messrs Ralston, Fletcher, and Hancox, left to proceed to the front. Later in the year Mr. Nightingale was transfered to the Yaumati School and quite recently Messrs Partington and Maxwell have left to take up posts outside the Service. One Anglo-Chinese master, Mr. Lai Im-tong has resigned and two of our Vernacular masters have retired on pension.

We were glad to have Mr. Crook back as Second Master in July. Other welcome additions to the Staff are Mr. Doherty who came from Tientsin in September, Mr. Un Po from the Hongkong University in October, and later Miss Skinner from the Peak School.

We have now six Mistresses on the Staff and I wish here to express to them as well as to all Masters my very sincere appreciation of and thanks for the really exceptional work they have put in and the additional duties they have all so cheerfully and energetically undertaken.

DISCIPLINE.

Discipline has been very well maintained, notwithstanding the frequent changes we have had to contend with.

The Prefects continue to render very valuable help especially in the control they exercise in the play-grounds. To mark the importance of the School Prefects as a connecting link between the members of the Staff and the boys, a Prefects' Dinner was held in November it is hoped that this will develop into an Annual function.

ORGANISATION.

General organisation remains very much the same, with the exception that, since the post of Normal Master was abolished in July last, the work of training Pupil Teachers has devolved upon various members of the Staff.

In the courses of study there have been no important changes. Special attention has been directed to matters connected with the War, and in Classes 4 and 5 a specially compiled book comprising War stories in English and Chinese has been regularly studied.

Health of School. Apart from the outbreak of spotted Fever and Influenza, which greatly affected our attendance, the health of the School generally has been quite normal.

An individual medical examination of students has been instituted and is being very thoroughly carried out by Dr. McKenny; owing, however, to extreme pressure of work in the Medical Department, returns are not yet complete.

During the Spotted Fever epidemic atomisers were kept constantly at work on the school premises; one of these was very kindly presented to the College by Lady Ho Tung.

Studies. The two Senior Classes—Classes 1 and 2—were, as is now customary, examined in July by the University of Hongkong, all boys in these classes being entered without discrimination.

For Matriculation 28 students sat, of whom eleven passed the Matriculation examination, while 3 were awarded Senior Local Certificates.

In this section, five Scholarships were gained.

(a) One President's Scholarship by:—Tam Wai-ying.

(b) Four Canton Government Scholarships by:—Mok Tai-tin, Wong Tin-sik Tam Wai-ying and Tse Mun-lung.

A cash prize of $50 offered in July by the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to Senior Local Candidates, for the best Essay on the War, was won by Ko Yan-cheung, while Lo Man-ho obtained distinction in Physics.

For the Senior Local examination 11 students from Class 1 Commercial entered, and of these 6 passed the Senior Local, while one succeeded in qualifying for Matriculation and was awarded a Canton Government Scholarship.

In the December examinations of the University four additional students matriculated, while 3 others were awarded Senior Local Certificates.

In Class 2 there were 103 students entered for the Junior Local Examination, from actually sat, 33 certificates were obtained, including no less than 18 distinctions in Chinese as Compared with 1 obtained in the previous year.

In December 9 additional Junior Local certificates were obtained by Queen's College candidates, thus making a total of 42 for the year.

The results of the University Examinations did not fulfil our expectations and although unavoidable it was still decidedly unfortunate that we were deprived of the services of Messrs Ralston and Fletcher just about 6 weeks before the July examinations were held, and at a most critical time for the boys being prepared by them. It is here perhaps not out of place to mention the fact that since the begining of the War, we have from year to year found it increasingly difficult to get the text books needed in sufficient quantity and at the proper time This difficulty was intensified in 1918, so much so indeed that we were compelled to have certain books printed locally in installments. We hope that next year this difficulty will be, to a great extent, if not entirely, removed.

In Class 3.—the largest class in the School—with 7 sections, and containing more boys than we have in the whole of the lower School—the results show a decided improvement upon these of 1917 —205 boys were examined, of whom 184 passed.

In two sections, Full 2A and Full 3a, there was not a single failure, and as most of these boys will be entering for the Junior Local in July of this year, we are hoping they will do equally well then. It is upon entering this Class 3 either from the Lower School here, or from the District Schools, that boys have to decide whether they will join the 'Full' sections leading up to Matriculation and the University, or the Commercial sections intended to fit them for business.

We come now to the Lower School, comprising Classes 4, 5, 6, and 7. Here 196 boys were examined and of these 182 passed. In Classes 4a, 5a, and 7 there were no failures.

No boy can now receive promotion from any class unless he satisfies the examiners in both English and Chinese.

Altogether, throughout the School, and including those taking the University Examinations, 534 boys were examined as compared with 467 in 1917.

The Pupil Teachers attending the Normal Class were, for the first time, entered for the Matriculation Examination. Of the 8 candidates entered, 3 passed the examination and are now at the University as Student Teachers.

There are 13 Student Interpreters now in attendance at the College, distributed throughout Classes 1, 2, and 3, and they are all doing very satisfactory work. These boys are appointed after competitive examinations and attend the College until required to fill vacancies for interpreters in various Government Offices.

ATHLETICS.

Games, with the exception of cricket, flourish more exceedingly than ever, and instead of being confined to a comparatively small section of the boys, are now keenly followed and shared by quite a large proportion of our boys; the inter-class football and volley-ball competitions are largely responsible for this and we are now able to boast as many as 20 or 21 football teams and as many volley-ball teams

The Shields in these inter-class games are most keenly competed for, each class providing its own ball and colours. After some extremely close and exciting play, the Shield for Volley-ball is now held by Class 1 and that for Football by Class Full 2a.

For arrangement of fixtures, etc. we are greatly indebted to Mr. Doherty and Ko Kin-fan.

The Shield in the Senior Valley Ball League we have won outright after many a strenuous fight with the St. Paul's team, our great competitors in this game. Still we have not been able to maintain the reputation of invincibility given to us by Your Excellency last year, because St. Paul's have just become the holders of the new shield. We do not grudge them this because they have put up a splendid struggle for it; but all the same we hope the shield will not remain with them too long.

The Shield for the Swimming Championship offered for Competition by the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Federation was won by Douglas Laing, against Competitors from all the schools in the Colony.

We also hold the Hongkong Schoo's Football Shield in the Senior Division of the League.

At the combined School Sports we secured the Senior Championship, which was awarded to Ng Cham-ching, our second-best man, our leading sportsman, Ko Kin-fan having injured his foot and so being unable to compete.

Cricket suffered somewhat from difficulty in procuring the necessary outfit.

Tennis becomes increasingly popular, and in addition to the usual Spring games a Tournament was organised in the Autumn and attracted quite a large number of entrants including players who have figured in the Hongkong Championship events. The Championship Cup presented by friends of Mr. Ralston, and called the Ralston cup, was won by an 'old' boy V. Ivanovitch. A replica of this cup and a cup for the runner-up were also very kindly presented by gentlemen interested in the College.

We will ask Your Excellency to be good enough to present these Cups this morning after the School prizes have been distributed.

A Team was entered, for the first time, in the Junior Hongkong League and did quite creditably for a first season, finishing about the middle of the League. This year we contemplate entering a team in the B. Class of the Senior League.

The customary bathing parties and picnics held during the Summer were all extremely popular and attended by large numbers. In December we sent representative teams to meet various Schools in Canton. Results, so far as games were concerned, were only fairly satisfactory—owing largely to too much excitement and too little sleep. Otherwise the trip proved a most enjoyable one.

For next season's Tennis competitions, a very handsome Championship cup has been presented by a number of O.Q.C. boys now undergraduates at the University of Hongkong.

We anticipate that several of our sportsmen will be chosen, as they have been in previous years, to represent China in the Olympiad to be held in Manila in May of this year.

Games altogether have been very greatly forwarded by the encouragement given by Masters and Mistresses as evidenced by their attendance at the various matches and the very practical assistance they have rendered in various ways.

GENERAL.

The 'Yellow Dragon' which is now under the very able Editorship of Mr. Kay, continues its increasingly useful career and a very noticable feature of the magazine is the frequency and regularity with which boys send in contributions to its pages.

The Queen's College Division of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, which has now been in existence for 2 years, now consists of about 40 members all of whom are to be complimented on the regularity with which they attend drills and parades, and the general keenness they evince in all matters connected with the Brigade work.

All members of the division owe very sincere thanks to Sergeant-Major Bond, of the Hongkong Defence Corps, for valuable services rendered in connection with drill and organisation.

The Q. C. Division holds the Holyoak Cup for attendance at drills, lectures and parades.

LIBRARY.

The Library is more popular than ever, and much more used, especially by Classes 1 and 2 and members of the Staff.

It now contains about 3,000 volumes, consisting of Fiction, History, Geography, Science and General Literature.

The catalogue for 1919 is now in the hands of the printers.

A change has been made during the year. Instead of two separate libraries —lending and reference—we have now only one. Volumes not meant to be taken away and those for Staff use only are asterisked in the Catalogue.

The Librarian, Mr. Handyside, has been fortunate in having the services of Mr. Wong Tin-sik assisted by boys from Full 2A. Without this invaluable assistance, the work of reconstruction would have taken a considerably longer time.

Very few additions were made, but they include valuable War Literature and the Encyclopedia Britannica.

Some additions—especially from duplicate or triplicate copies in the School Library—were made to the Pupil Teachers' Library, where the arranging and cataloguing was done by the Pupil Teachers themselves under the supervision of the Librarian.

The Queen's College Amateur Dramatic Association has been very much in evidence throughout the year. In April the Association produced in Chinese three Shakespearean Plays. The Merchant of Venice, Two Gentlemen of Verona, and The Taming of the Shrew, all of which attracted large and very enthusiastic audiences. The plays were done into Chinese by Mr. Wong Yik-cho, an old boy of the College and produced under the supervision of Mr. Kong Ki-fai.

The funds raised were devoted either to charity or to those of the School organisations which happened to be in need of financial help.

The Social life of the College as a whole has shown very vigorous signs of development and we have had a succession of meetings, lectures and social gatherings that have done much to bring the boys, parents and their guardians, the members of the Staff and others interested in the College into increasingly close contact. In all this there has been one outstanding feature in which we feel justified in taking pride and that is the marked increase in the feeling we have all striven to foster of responsibility and consideration for others, of unity and co-operation—evidenced not only in the class-rooms but in the playing-fields where it has been reflected in the clean and sportsmanlike games our boys have always put up.

Several suggestions have recently been made as to the formation of an Old Boy's Association in connection with the College and we hope before long to see some practical outcome of these propositions.

A number of boys in Classes 1 and 2 are availing themselves of the courses in Biblical Knowledge arranged by the Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. for the benefit of those students who wish to take this subject at the University Examinations. Since the early part of my report was written, I have been informed that we are very shortly to be deprived of the very valuable services rendered to the College during the last two years by Mrs. Litt who is proceeding to Egypt to join her husband. On behalf of everyone connected with the School, I am glad to have this opportunity of tendering to her our very sincerest thanks for the warm interest she has always displayed in work and games, and to wish her all happiness and prosperity in the future.

Queen's College is always honoured by distinction conferred on Old Boys, and we tender heartiest congratulations to Sir Boshan Wei Yuk upon his Knighthood and to Khan Sahib Hashim Khan upon the title he has received.

In conclusion, I wish to thank Your Excellency in the name of Queen's College for so kindly consenting to honour us by distributing the prizes; the visitors for their attendance, and all those who have so generously contributed to our Prize Fund; their donations are already recorded on our Notice Boards and will be acknowledged in the next issue of the "Yellow Dragon."

PRIZE LIST.

Hongkong University Certificates (Matriculation) went to S. B. Ahmed, Shi Iu-tak, Mok Tai-tin, Fung Kee-yuen, Fok Chong-wa, Lau Ra-tat, Lo Man-ho, Wong Tin-sik, Tam Wai-ying, Tsui Ping-tong, Chau Po-sham, Lo Ki-san, Tse Mun-lung, Wu Min, Chau Man-hup, Edward Ho-tung, and Choa Man-chan.

Senior Local.—F. A. Xavier, Edward Ho Tung, Ko Yau-cheung, Ho Shiu-kui, S. Haroon, E. Haroon, So Sui, Lau Ping-tsang, and Henry S. Hall.

Junior Local.—Luk Kai-leung, M. Alim Khan, Chan Kam-man, Sui Ping-kong, Chan Shui-to, Ip Kau, Kong Kam-chuen, Chan U-ying, Pun Ping-shung, Ip Shui-oi, Leung Ting-shun, Tsoi Tsz-shek, Lo Wai-sum, Fung Hoi-shun, Pun Yu-kwo, Yong On-yin, Lo Fook, Yeung Shui-ching, Cheong Wai-lai, Mak Shui-fan, Tsoi Tsz-shun, Ip Ping-iu, Ng Iu-au, Leung Yu, Li King-pun, Yau Ka-yang, Yik Tat-ting, Chan Wing-kwong, Fung Pui-ying, Chan Yuk-in, Kwok Chui-hon, Chan Kwai-pun, Wong Chung-un, Ng Wing-yau, Tsoi Chung-yau, Wong Kwok-leung, Wong Chun-kon, Chai Kung-ha, Lo Ka-him, Wan King-shum, A. A. Rumjahn, and Douglas Laing.

St. John Ambulance Certificates (second year) went to Corpl. Lai Li-him, Corpl. Sun In-tung, Lce.-Corpl. Chan Kwong-shing, Lce.-Corpl. Mak Wai-man, Privates Sun In-yik, Lo Kwok-min, Tsoi Chung-leung, Yeung Shiu-ching, Leung Chenk-hing, Wei Yu, Wong Ying, Wu Iu-nam, So Cheuk-fai, and Young Ming-fat.

First Year certificates went to Privates Ko Kin-fan, M. A. Khan, Ip Kau, Douglas Laing, Ko King-fan, Mok Ying-kwai, Kwok U-leung, Tsoi Tsz-yui, Wong Kang-ko, Chiu Chung-pak, Wong Hon-kwok, Chan King-ching, Tsui Wai-san, Leung Kit-tsoi, Ng Pak-kwan, Lee Tsz-ming, Pang Yui-fong, Young Wai-pang, Li Iu-leung, Ng Pak-ying, Chan Yui-hing, Li Wing-ying, Yik Tsz-ming, Teo Wai-hing, Fung Shiu-kau, Tsoung Ping-nam, Li Young-on, Lo Hin-chung, Yeung King-kui, Ko Yau-choong, Cheng Tsz-tao, Leung Poo-shun, Kwan Woon-tak, and Leung Ping-fong.

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QUEEN'S COLLEGE PRIZE DAY.

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Scholarships were won as follows: Senior Morrison, Lo Man-ho; Blake, Tam Wai-ying; Senior Stewart, Wong Tin-sik; Wright, Fok Chong-wa; Senior Bellilios, S. B. Ahmed; Ho Tung, Chan Kam-man; Ho Kom-tong, Tsoi Tsz-shun; Ho Fook, Wai Tat; Junior Bellilios, Lau Chuk-sau; Junior Morrison, O Yau-sheung; Alfred May, Tong Hon-ki; Junior Stewart, Mak Ying-kwai; Ho Wing, Sung Ling-lun; Ho Tung, U Shun-pui; Ho Kwong, Kong Man-tsun; Deuly, Leung See-lap; Ralphs, Lo Lan-she; Lee Hy-sun, In Alim Khan; Grant, Hu Wa-so.

Government Free Scholars (Full) are: Chan Kwan-chun, Hung Chi-po, Lam Ming-fai, Li Fai-nam, Wong Hong-kwok, Iu Tak-cheuk, and Fung Yiu-shin.

Government Free Scholars (Half) are: Wong Cho-chan and Louie Tsze-yee.

Cash Prize awarded in July, 1918, by the Chamber of Commerce for the best War Essay submitted by a Senior Local Candidate: Ko Yau-cheung.

Special Presentation for proficiency and leadership in sports: Ko Kin-fan.

Special Prizes.—The "Ralphs" Head Prefect Medal, Wu Min; Machell Memorial Prize, S. B. Ahmed; Bellilios Prize for Mathematics, Lo Man-ho; Hd. M.'s Prize for Mathematics (Cl. 2), Tsoi Tsz-shek; Arculli Composition Class 1, Ko Yau-cheung; Arculli Composition Class 2, In Alim Khan; Arculli Composition Class 3, Wei Tat; Rumjahn Prize for Literature, Wong Tin-sik; Pupil Teachers' Prize, 1st year, Ly Kit-san; Special Translation Prize, E to C, Chan Uying; Special Translation Prize, C to E, Wong Tin-sik; Special for Maths. (M.P.P.) Mat, Lau Ping-sang, C1, Ho Shing-kui; F2, Tso Tsz-shek; C2, Au Shu-yung.

History Prizes: Wong Tin-sik, S. B. Ahmed, S. Hardon, M. Alim Khan, Lo Fook, Wei Tat, and Tseung Fat-im.

Composition Prizes were won by Lo Man-ho, F. A. Xavier, E. Haroun, Sui Ping-kong, Yeung Shui-ching, Tsoi Tsz-shun, Chan Wing-kwong, Li Hing-kuen, Tseung Fat-in, Li King-cheung, Li Honang, Tam Sau-fang, Ho Shin-sing, and Yeung King-kui.

University Distinctions: Physics, Lo Man-ho; Chinese, Tsoi Tsz-shek, Sin Ping-kong, Chan Kam-man, Lau Kai-leung, Pun Yu-kwo, Yeung Shiu-ching, Lo Fook, Tsoi Tsz-sun, Leung Yu, Fung Pui-ying, Chan Kwai-pun, and Yau Ka-yeung.

Class Prizes went to: Lau Ka-tat, Lau Ping-tseng, Mok Tai-tin, Shi In-tak, Ko Yau-cheung, E. Haroun, Sin Ping-kong, Tsoi Tsz-shek, Yeung Shuiching, Yong On-in, Wong Ching-un, Ip Ping-in, Fung Pui-ying, Chan Yuk-in, Ng In-cheung, Chung Wai-sau, Tseung Fat-im, Tso Chak-chun, Kwong Ming-ching, Li King-sheung, Ho Chih-ching, Leung King-un, Kwok Chun-in, Tam Sau-fung, Ho Shing-sing, Chung Yin-luk, Li Shau-kwing, Wong Chun-shum, Chan Choi-sit, Chau Fook-cheung, Kwok U-wing, Wan Yut-ming, Chik Siu-cho, Hung Tsok-lam, Li Po-shiu, Wan Leung-sum, Hu Wa-yun, Choi King-wan, Ching Hing-chow, Iu Tak-lam, Leung Shut-too, Wong Wai-ching, Chan Sai-hong, and Lok Wing-hung.

Vernacular Prizes (Senior School) went to Lau Ping-tseng, Lo Wai-kwan, Ho Shui-kui, Chan Kam-man, Yeung Shiu-ching, Tsoi Tsz-shun, Fung Pui-ying, Ng Yin-cheung, Li Tsz-ming, Pun Shau-yi, Wai Nai-fu, Kwok Chun-yiu, Tsik Pui-chan, and Li Shau-kwing.

Vernacular Prizes (Junior School): O Yau-sheung, Mok Ying-kwai, Yau Fuk-tsun, Li Po-shiu, Fung Kwai-tong, Fu I-man, So Yuk-chi, and Lo Lan-sz.

Tennis.—Ralston Cup and Replica, V. Ivanovitch; Runner-up, A. A. Rumjahn.

The following letter has been received by Major General F. Ventris from Lieut Colonel John Ward, C.M.G., M.P. Commanding 25th Bn. Middlesex Regiment in Siberia.—"I have the honour to ask you to convey to the ladies of Hongkong the warmest thanks of all ranks under my Command for their most acceptable gifts of comforts received and distributed."

The latest issue of "Shipping & Engineering" contains a number of interesting articles on diversified subjects, amongst these being "The Shipping Question of the China Coast," "The Chiyuen Fire," "The Indian Industries Commission," "Remarkable Salvage Cases," "South Sea Trade," "The Tata Iron & Steel Co., Ld.," etc., and there are several columns devoted to matters relative to engineering and shipping matters. Special mention must be made of the leading article on "Chinese Ship Husbandry." The Chinese shipowner does not find that his investment in vessels is proving a gold mine. This is not to be wondered at after a perusal of the article in question; and it is doubtful if Chinese ship-owning will ever be successful unless owners realize the error of their ways and seek foreign assistance and advice.

The Hongkong Chamber of Commerce reports on Jan. 24 that up to Dec. 28 no improvement occurred in the silk market, which was exceedingly quiet. Since Jan. 9 when 79 chests of opium were in stock, none had been imported. For jarred ginger (at $5.40 per case of six jars) the market was strong, with a fair demand. Cassia was quoted lower, no business. The chief exports to Britain lately had been sundries, preserves, cassia, essential oil, and feathers. To the U.S.A. and Canada the exports during 1918 had been, in order of importance, tin, cassia, Chinese merchandise, rice, &c. Since last report, a fair enquiry for cotton piece goods and fancy had arisen, and a small business at advancing rates was done. Market now firmer, but prices still below replacing values. Woollen goods in a poor way—weather too warm. Market bare of raw cottons, prices about $2 per picul down. Metal business at a standstill. About 230,000 sacks of flour in stock. Sugar quiet.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

RESIGNATION OF SIR HENRY MAY.

A joint session of the Executive and Legislative Councils was held in the Council Chambers this morning.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., presided and there were present H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General F. Ventris), Sir Paul Chater, Sir H. de Sausmarez, and the Hon. Messrs. J. H. Kemp, H. P. Holyoak, Lau Chu Pak, Ho Fook, H. E. Pollock, W. Chatham, E. H. Sharp, E. D. C. Wolfe, C. McI. Messer, D. Landale, R. G. Shewan, A. G. M. Fletcher and E. R. Hallifax.

H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, in opening the session, said:—

Honourable members of the Executive and Legislative Councils: When Sir Henry May left the Colony last September it was not supposed that he would be away for more than about three months. The great improvement in Miss Dione May's health had made it possible for him to contemplate returning here in March and it was with great surprise that I received the telegram from the Secretary of State announcing that he had accepted Sir Henery May's resignation of the office of Governor of this Colony.

There can be but one feeling in all our minds that circumstances should have rendered it necessary for Sir Henry May to take this course. Our sympathies have been deeply stirred by the long period of anxiety through which Sir Henry and Lady May have passed, and to that anxiety there has been added in his case the trial of being separated from his work here in which he was so deeply interested. When he left he had settled the heavy programme of new work for this year, and was looking forward to returning to see the beginning of those great developments in every direction which the war had interfered with.

It is always a painful moment when a man of action has to lay aside his arms, or when an officer of great energy and zeal has to seek retirement. In the case of Sir Henry May the wrench will be especially severe. He loved this Colony in which he had risen from Cadet to be its Governor; he had grown up with it for more than thirty years during the most momentous period of its history and throughout the long years of the war he had guided its destinies with rare skill and judgment. On every side can be seen evidence of his untiring labours, but if I may select one enduring example by which his long servie here may be remembered it is the care he devoted to beautifying this island and the New Territories. Time is required fully to develop his schemes, but future generations will bless the keen foresight that designed the shady avenues, the wooded hills and the flower bordered walks.

When Sir Henry May returned to this Colony in the year 1912 he found some of us somewhat inclined to resent the intrusion of the motor-car, but he became one of the pioneers of automobilism in this Colony and the great progress that has taken place in the construction and widening of main roads is due to his desire to provide cheap and rapid means of transport and to open up undeveloped parts of the Colony and the New Territories, and though Sir Henry May will not be here to see the business through, we can show our appreciation of lead that he has given us by doing our best to accomplish what he has planned.

The war gave Sir Henry May an opportunity to awaken the latent energies of the manhood of Hongkong. His stirring example has made the Hongkong Defence Corps and the Police Reserve into fine bodies of man of which the Colony may be proud. He has been very solicitous for the welfare of young men who come out to the East to spend the best part of their lives. A thorough sportsman himself, he has throughout his career in the Public Service endeavoured to stimulate a love for healthy sport in all classes of the community. His sympathy with the aspirations of the Chinese to excel in games has been shown in his efforts to provide suitable recreation grounds, and in the reclamation schemes now in progress, and in the development of the Kowloon peninsula allowance has been made for open spaces for the same purpose.

In all efforts for the moral and physical well being of the community Sir Henry May has had the able assistance of Lady May. Her cheerful and ready help has been an immense impetus to every good cause. Throughout the war she has taken the lead in the splendid work done by the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, and, the great success of such bodies as the Ministering Children's League is due in no small measure to the keen interest taken by Lady May and the members of her family. Her work here will be perpetuated in the Institute which bears her name, and which has already proved its great value as a centre of useful work among women in the Colony.

These who follow me in speaking to this resolution and who have known Sir Henry and Lady May for far longer than I have will deal with other aspects of their life here. As Colonial Secretary during the full term of his Governship, I can bear testimony to his keen personal interest in the welfare of every individual member of the Public Service, and when he went on leave he was in communication with the Secretary of State on the subject of the revision of the salaries of the Public Service. I feel it a great honour to have been so closely associated in public work with such a distinguished member of His Majesty's service, and I can share in no small degree in the feeling of deep regret that is felt at his retirement. I am sure that it is the unanimous hope of the community that Sir Henry and Lady May and their family will enjoy health and happiness for many years to come.

His Excellency then moved the following resolution:

The Executive and Legislative Councils, assembled in joint session on the occasion of the resignation by Sir Henry May of the office of Governor, desire to record their high appreciation of the eminent services which he has rendered to the Empire and to Hongkong during his most honourable career as a servant of the Crown.

The Councils wish to express their sincere regret that the term has now been set to the long connection of Sir Henry and Lady May with the Colony which they have loved so much and have served so faithfully and well.—(Applause.)

In seconding the resolution, Sir Paul Chater Said:—

Your Excellency and Gentlemen:—I cannot tell you how proud I am that the honour of seconding the resolution you have proposed should have fallen to me: nor how I value this opportunity of bearing testimony to the outstanding qualities of Sir Henry May, as a Governor, as a Civil Servant, and as a man. I have known him intimately, both privately and officially, since the commencement of his career as a Civil Servant of the Colony some 36 years ago. I have watched his progress and marked throughout his consistent display of those rarer qualities of conscientiousness and of courage which cause a man to stand out amongst his follow men. I have seen him in time of difficulty, in time of danger and in time of smoother running of his official career; but I have never known him falter or waver, never known him swerve from the course which his experience and his duty pointed out as demanded by the interests committed to his care. Undeterred by criticism and undaunted by obstacles he pressed unflinchingly forward to the end he had in view, an end he rarely failed to achieve. A strong man makes fast friendships, and inevitably incurs some hostility; but at all times and on all sides, he commands respect and Sir Henry was esteemed by the whole community. To an unrivalled experience of the needs and interests of the Colony he added the natural genius of his race. He possessed the aptitude, given to few, of fastening on the keynote of any problem which confronted him; often where others could not see so wisely or so well. Mistakes he sometimes made, and who is free from them, but the mistakes of a strong man loom larger than those of men of lesser calibre and are apt to be remembered against him where otherwise they would be forgotton.

The Government records, if searched, would tell of great results achieved by him, eminently to the Colony's advantage, which never came under public notice. He was not apt to blazon his successes to the public eye. Silently and unsparingly he worked to preserve and protect the important interests committed to him and no man can deny him acknowledged success.

There is no need for me to refer in detail to the outstanding features of his career. I had the honour of doing so when welcoming him on his appointment to be our Governor. They are known to all. His work as Captain Superintendent of Police; his promotion of education; the impetus he gave to the Volunteer Force; his close co-operation with the Chinese community; and, later, the development of the Colony and the New Territories by well planned roads and the making safe for the future of the Colony's water supply. The Press has recently dwelt on them; and your speech has covered them. As a Governor he made a mark which will be indelible from the Colony's history and we, beyond ordinary measure, regret that it has not proved possible for him to return and complete the projects he initiated and had in hand.

In the Sports and pastimes of the Colony, Sir Henry was ever a prominent figure. As a keen racing man, a yachtsman and a golfer, he affected all by his enthusiasm and no one better realised how play is an essential complement to work and forms an integral part of our national life. His participation in our outdoor pastimes was highly appreciated and they never lacked his utmost support.

"And what of the man himself! Of the man as his friends knew him! Of utmost loyalty, of abounding humour, of open heart, his friendship, once acquired, was never lost. Adversity could not alienate it, nor difference destroy it. In sunshine or in trouble it could be counted and drawn upon without exhaustion and without stint. We do not need to tell him of the depth of our sympathy or the fervency of our wishes and hopes regarding the causes which, we understand, have led to his resignation. He and his are constantly in our thoughts and we trust that a happy future, free from anxiety, lies before him and all his family. His life and work amongst us cannot be fittingly dealt with independently of Lady May who for so many years shares his responsibility and his success. None met her but loved her. None left her but was lifted up. We have shared with her in her happiness and she has shared with us in our troubles. She let no barriers interpose between her and all around. A sweet and gracious lady, as a Governor's wife should be, her memory and her friendship will be treasured throughout life.

The Unofficial members of the Executive and the Legislative Councils desire to associate themselves in every way with your references to Sir Henry May and I have the honour and the very great pleasure to second the resolution you have proposed.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak rising on behalf of his honourable friend and the Chinese community to support the motion, said that by the retirement of Sir Henry, the Chinese community lost much. Sir Henry had always shown much sympathy with the Chinese and had taken a great interest in their welfare. Sir Henry was a man of outstanding character and despite much adversity, had carried out steadfastly what he thought was for the good of the Colony. The retired Governor possessed great intellect and a power of will which befits the head of any governing body. It had been said of him by the Chinese that he was a man "of rare smiles," and the speaker thought that that was an exact description of that admirable man whom they all loved so well. In conclusion, the speaker said the Chinese community wished, through his honourable friend and himself, to express to Sir Henry and Lady May and their family, their profound gratitude and best wishes. (Applause.)

The motion was then put to the vote and carried unanimously.

His Excellency, in adjourning the Council *sine die*, said the proceedings and motion would be forwarded to Sir Henry May at the earliest opportunity.

ANOTHER ARMED ROBBERY.

A sequel to the most recent armed robbery at No. 131 Shanghai Street, Yaumati, was the arrest of the Chinese who was brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning, charged with taking part in it.

Sergeant Murphy, who prosecuted, said that the shop in question did business in money-changing and jewellery. On the day of the robbery at 8 p.m., the accountant of the money-changing department was counting money outside his counter. Four men entered the shop, and whilst one of them was engaging the attention of the accountant by making a show of changing money, the others took up various positions inside the shop any levelled their revolvers at the gold beaters. All would have gone well for the robbers, but for the foresight of the master of the shop, who in consequence of information received to the effect that a robbery would be committed on his shop, had taken the precaution of posting a woman in the cock-loft above the shop with instructions that she should blow her whistle as soon as the robbers appeared. This she did, and the robbers fled, but not before one of them had stolen a basket of money from the accountant's shop. The accused carried a bag to contain the swag, and he was said to have lingered after the rest had left, and to have swept the contents of several money-trays before he fled. Chase was given by the shop employees and the accused was arrested nearby. The others eluded the Police and escasped. A search made on the accused's person at the Police Station brought forth a large packet of pepper.

Case remanded.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG LIBRARY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—I was glad to see your editorial note last night on our Library and Museum, as, in fact, many of us are glad to see your "obiter dicta" on all subjects lately. They are so tonic and refreshing.

In support of your criticism of the Library, you will find on p. 88 of vol. XLVIII 1917 of the Royal Asiatic Society's Journal the remark: "as regards works on China the City Library of Hongkong is unworthy of any third-rate town in England. The books are few, dirty, and worm-eaten."

Yours truly,
SINISOPH.

The Peak, January 25.

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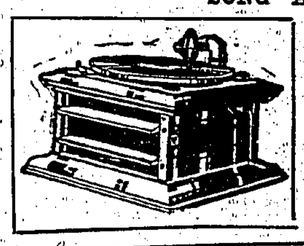
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The Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd., have lost through submarining and mines, only four of their vessels during the entire period of the war. This notwithstanding the fact that they have operated their ships constantly across the Atlantic through the war zone. They have transported on their boats during the four years of war over 1,000,000 troops and passengers and 4,000,000 tons of cargo and munitions of war, in addition to many thousands of horses and mules. To replace the ships lost, two large liners have been commissioned within the past year, for trans-Atlantic service.

FREIGHTS.

Messrs. Wheelock and Co.'s freight market report dated January 16 states:—

The situation in our Homeward freight market since writing on December 19, 1918, is as follows:—

To United Kingdom:—Contrary to expectations quite a large amount of tonnage has been already released by the British Government and there are a number of British steamers advertised to load during the next month besides the regular Japanese liners, with the consequence that the supply is greater than the demand. Cargo is very scarce owing to the uncertain conditions of the Home markets and shippers are unable at present to conclude much business.

The rates by the British steamers now loading are based on the minimum Conference Tariff rates.

To United States via Pacific:—Although restrictions have been taken off a large number of commodities all imports into the States still need to have licences and this, added to the uncertainty about prices, the lifeless state of the markets and the high exchange ruling, all tends to make cargo very scarce. Freights are consequently weak. Hongkong lowered rates early in January from G.$50 a ton to G.$40 and there are rumours that the Trade Pacific Freight Bureau may shortly reduce rates from Shanghai.

Coastwise: Since last writing, the China coasting trade has remained quiet and little business will now be done before China New Year, as most requirements to the end of January have now been filled.

In the South things have been normal and the Saigon-Hongkong rate—after dropping to a nominal quotation of 35 cents a picul—is now steady at 60 cents.

REDUCED PACIFIC FREIGHTS.

As reported previously, the U.S. Shipping Control Board decided to lower the freight tariffs on all services and announced to fix the trans-Pacific rates to G.$30 to Japan and China ports and to G.$25 to Manila. Although no definite date for the enforcement of the revised tariff has yet been named, its operation is surmised to be not far off. The tonnage so far relieved of Government services has reached 1,000,000 tons, and 200,000 tons more are likely to be released in the near future. Moreover, the hold space thus restored to the original owners is expected to be placed on the Pacific coasting and trans-Pacific services almost in its entirety. The prospective assumption of activities by the 1,200,000 tons to be as released as hinted at above in the Pacific cannot fail to affect seriously the interest of the Japanese steamers. The prevailing rate from Japan to America is quoted at some G.$12-3, but the homeward freight stands much higher at about G.$40. Prior to, or at least simultaneously with the introduction of the revised freight by the U.S. Shipping Control Board, these stiff rates will have to be reduced by G.$10 or so, so long as the Japanese shipowners concerned feel assured of obtaining enough return cargoes. Thus, brunt of the change will be borne by the tramp shipowners.



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NOVARA	9th Mar., 1919	13th April	22nd April
NELLORE	23th Mar., 1919	30th April	10th May

TO

BOMBAY via STRAITS & COLOMBO.

S. S.	From Hongkong about	due Bombay about
DILWARA	12th January at 10 a.m.	29th January

TO

SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

S.S.	Leave Hongkong about	
"HEJAZ	25th Jan. at 4 p.m.	Moji and Kobe.
DUNERA	28th January	(to Shanghai only)

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	*Iyo Maru, 12,330 tons THURS.,	20th Feb., at 11 a.m.
Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama	*Tango Maru, 13,760 tons SAT.,	22nd Feb., at 11 a.m.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	§Kosoku Maru, 7,000 tons MON.,	27th Jan.
London or Liverpool via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Suez & Port Said.	*Tamba Maru, 12,510 tons FRIDAY,	24th Jan., at Noon.
	*Mishima Maru, 13,950 tons MONDAY,	17th Feb., at 11 a.m.
Melbourne via Manila Zamboanga, Thursday Is., Townsville, Brisbane, & Sydney	*Nikko Maru, 9,600 tons MON.,	3rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
	*Kamakura Maru, 12,410 tons. WED.,	19th Feb., at 11 a.m.
New York via Shanghai, Kobe Yokohama, San Francisco & Panama Canal		
Bombay via Singapore, Malacca, & Colombo	Taian Maru. 7,000 tons SUNDAY,	26th Jan.
Calcutta via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon	Shinchiku Maru, 7,000 tons TUESDAY,	28th Jan.
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DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAMES	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
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Marseilles	Indus Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 10th Feb., at Noon.
San Francisco via Shanghai & Japan, &c.	Siberia Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 31st Jan.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	Tenyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 12th Feb.,
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c...	Ecuador	Pacific Mail S.S. Co.	On 29th Jan., at Noon
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c.	China	China Mail s.s. Co., Ltd.	On 6th Feb.
San Francisco via Shanghai, Japan &c...	Nanking	China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd.	On 27th March.
San Francisco	Grotius	Java-China-Japan Line	On 6th Feb.
San Francisco	Willis	Java-China-Japan Line	On 3rd Feb.
New York via Panama Canal	Bloemfontein	The Bank Line, Limited	About middle of Feb.
Victoria B.C., & Seattle via S'hai, &c. ..	Fushimi Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th Mar., at 11 a.m.
Victoria, Vancouver, Seattle & Tacoma..	Africa Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 25th Feb., at 3 P.M.
Australian Ports via Manila	Nikko Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 3rd Feb., at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Manila	Kamakura Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 19th Feb., at 11 a.m.
Australian Ports via Japan	Anyo Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 21st March.
Australian Ports via Japan	Nippon Maru	Toyo Kisen Kaisha	On 7th May.
Japan	Banri Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	On 15th Feb.
Shanghai	Taisang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 28th inst., at D'light.
Shanghai	Yingchow	Butterfield & Swire	On 27th Jan at D'light.
Shanghai	sinkiang	Butterfield & Swire	On 28th Jan., at Noon.
Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama	Iyo Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 20th Feb. at 11 a.m.
Shanghai, Moji & Kobe	Kosoku Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 27th inst.,
Keelung via Swatow and Amoy	Kaijo Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 28th Jan., at 10 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	Haitan	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	On 28th inst., at 1 P.M.
Takao via Swatow & Amoy	Sasha Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 30th Jan., at 8 A.M.
Manila	Yuensang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 31st Jan. at 3 P.M.
Java	Borneo Maru	Dodwell & Co., Ltd.	About 25th Jan.
London	Kalomo	The Bank Line Limited	About 4th Feb.,
Bombay & Colombo	Kenkon Maru	Osaka Shosen Kaisha	On 27th Jan. at 10 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	Kwaisang	Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.	On 6th Feb. at 3 P.M.
Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Port Said	Nore	P. & O. S.N. Co.	About 23rd Feb.
Singapore, Rangoon & Calcutta	Shinchiku Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 28th Jan.
Bombay, via Singapore, Malacca & Colombo	Taian Maru	Nippon Yusen Kaisha	On 26th Jan.

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NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From EUROPE and STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship,

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having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before NOON, TO-DAY.

Goods not cleared by the January 30, 1919, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour on Tuesday and Friday. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA,
Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 24, 1919.

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Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on January 29, 1919, at 2.00 P.M.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after January 31, 1919, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.
J. ORAM SHEPPARD,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, Jan. 23, 1919.

NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

From SAN FRANCISCO, via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

THE Steamship "SIBERIA MARU,"

The above-named Steamer with "KOREA MARU" cargo having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on January 27, 1919, at 5 P.M. will be landed at Consignees', risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown.

Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on January 31, 1919, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No claim will be recognised after the goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into Company's Godown, where they will be examined on February 3, 1919, at 10 a.m.

No claim will be recognised if filed after February 5, 1919.

T. DAIGO,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 23, 1919.

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PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

The annual Prize Distribution took place on Thursday. The Headmaster, in the course of a brief address, said that he did not intend making a long speech as he knew they were all anxious for the holiday to begin as soon as possible. He himself was longing for the holidays. He wished first to say a few words about the importance of revision. He advised them to revise at the end of every week all the work done during the week and to keep note-books containing a list of all their difficulties. In their note-books all hard words in dictation should be entered, all difficult sums should be worked out correctly, and all difficulties in the other subjects should be recorded. At the end of every month they should have a big revision and go over very carefully all the work done during the month. Those who followed his advice would find that the fortnight they usually had for revision before the half-yearly examination would be ample time for revising all the subjects thoroughly. The attendance had not been quite satisfactory during the year. He hoped to see an improvement next year. He recommended students who were frequently absent because they had business to do at home to leave school and attend to their home affairs. A student's real business was to attend school regularly and study diligently. There were some unfortunate students whose relatives were very often sick and who had to absent themselves from school to look after sick parents, grandparents, uncles or aunts. He advised those unfortunate students to confine their attention to their ailing relatives. No student could make progress unless he attended school regularly. They would no doubt have noticed that a good many of the prize-winners had also won Perfect Attendance Scholarships. With regard to the new scholarships of $25 per annum so kindly presented to the school by Messrs. Lau Chu Pak, Chan Kai Ming, Ho Fook, and Chau Tung Shang, he pointed out that as those scholarships were given for the purpose of helping students to continue their studies, those who won them, unless they were in the highest class, would have to promise to remain at school until they had passed through the highest class. The Canton School Sports were to be held at the end of February. Those students who were good at athletics should put in as much practice as possible during the holidays, and try to win some prizes for the school. He would like to see the students take more interest in the school magazine. When correcting the composition papers of the upper classes done in the recent half-yearly examination, he had noticed that a considerable number of students were able to write fairly good English. He was surprised that none of those students had written an article for the magazine. They should show the magazine to their friends and to former students and try to obtain contributions from them for the magazine.

In conclusion he thanked Messrs. Pun Pui Ju, Kong Siu Chuen, Lo Chung Kut, Wong Mei San, Chow Hin Sang, and Fung Pak Yuet for their kindness in subscribing to the Prize Fund. He wished all the students a very happy New Year. He hoped that they would all have a good holiday and that he would see most of them back at school on the re-opening day, the 21st of February.

LIST OF PRIZE-WINNERS, 1918-19.

ENGLISH SCHOOL.

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Class IV.—1st, Ip Wing To; 2nd, Sung Chik Chi; 3rd, Chan Po Hang.

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Class II.—1st, Hung Ka Ku; 2nd, Li Toi Kwan; 3rd, Lau Chin Yan.

Class III.—1st, So Yau Yung; 2nd, Cho Yin Yan; 3rd, Wong Kui Choi.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Class I.—1st, Leung Ngai Choy; 2nd, Wong Man Chi; 3rd, Tam Sik Hong.

Class II.—1st, Tong Ting Yuk; 2nd, Lo Kwong Fai; 3rd, Lo Ming Tuk.

Class IV.—1st, Hui Sin Hing; 2nd, Cham Cho Lau; 3rd, Li Chi Pan.

Class V.—1st, Chung Woo Nam; 2nd, Li Wing Kwan; 3rd, Ho Wo Kwan.

Class VI.—1st, Chan Tai Yung; 2nd, Yiu Chi Chiu; 3rd, Poon Kwai Luen.

PRIMARY DIVISION.

Class I.—1st, Chan Hong Man; 2nd, Chan Yuen Pui; 3rd, Lo Woon Iu.

Perfect Attendance Scholarships: Ngan Chung Chiu, Ngan Mak Chiu, Sung Chik Chi, Kwong Tok Ying, Chan Wing Cheung, Mak Kam Chu, Lau Pang Kui, Tang Wing Chu, Chau Shou I, Chu Cho Hai, Lam Tat Ting, Cho Yin Yan, Lai Chik Kie, Chu Chi Kwai, Lau Shing Fook, Li Hon Sang, Li Shiu Yeung, Ng Shiu Yan, Sin Hon Sang, Wong Kui Choi, Mak Lai Hung, Chu Ming Yeung, Tam Sik Hong, Tong Ting Yuk, Pun Shu Wing, Chan Wing Chuen, Chau Ping Fai, Chau Ping Man, Lau Ah Huen, Hui Sin Hing, Pun Choi Shing, Wong Pui Lau, Liu Kam Ching, Ip Hung Lam, Chan Ping Woon, and Ng Chan Wai.

CHINESE SCHOOL.

Class I.—1st, Ho Shu Pui; 2nd, Ip Wing To.

Class II.—1st, Wong Man Chi; 2nd, Kan Cho Hang.

Class III.—1st, Li Yu Cheung; 2nd, Wong Kwan Chi.

Class IV.—1st, Pun Choi Shing; 2nd, Leung Sik Wa.

Drawing Class.—1st, Mak Kam Chu; 2nd, Kwok Fook Hou.

Music Class.—1st, Kwok Hok Tai; 2nd, Ip I Sang; 3rd, Cheung King Leung.

STOP PRESS CABLES.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMAN ELECTIONS.

London, January 24.

An official statement says the final results for the 37 constituencies, with 421 deputies, show a majority for the Socialists of 164. The Centrists won 88; the German Democrats 77; the National Peoples 34; the Independent Socialists 24; the German Peoples 23; and in addition there were 11 non-party members.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

OFFICIAL "NEWS."

London, January 24.

To-day's communiqué says the British Empire delegation met for two hours at the Villet Majestic in Paris. Those present were Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Barnes, Lord Reading, — Hankey, the Dominions and Indian delegates, also Captain Clement Jones, Secretary Christie, Captain Brebner, and the assistant secretaries.

"PUBLICITY."

London, January 23.

To-day's communiqué says the representatives of the Allied and associated Powers to-day considered international labour legislation; the responsibilities and punishments in connection with war reparation and war damage; the international regime for ports, waterways, and railways; also the procedure regarding territorial questions.

LABOUR QUESTIONS.

London, January 23.

Mr. Barnes explained to British Pressmen that the conference felt that it must deal with international labour questions, and was hoping to lay the foundation of more humane conditions of labour. Both employers and employed would be consulted. Questions which were ripe for settlement included the hours of labour, the minimum wage, the half-holiday, and the protection of children from profiteering.

Mr. Barnes said the conference proposals include the constitution of a commission which will be charged with the duty of convening a special international conference, including representation of employers and workpeople, at the earliest possible date.

LABOUR AGITATION.

London, January 23.

The conference of engineers and shipbuilders mentioned in an earlier cable came to an agreement. The men were recommended to resume work immediately, on the understanding that there would be another conference next week.

200,000 Yorkshire miners struck to-day, demanding twenty minutes complete cessation of work for mealtime, instead of taking their meals in relays which has hitherto avoided stoppage. The Coal Controller to-night granted the demand of the men, who are consequently resuming work.

PORTUGAL.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

London, January 24.

The news of the Portuguese situation is conflicting. Lisbon reported on January 22 that Volunteer Republican battalions were organising in the Lisbon provinces for the defence of the Republic. Badajoz next day reported that the Monarchist movement was apparently not making headway in south Portugal, as republican demonstrations were constantly parading. The Lisbon police, in the absence of troops, went northwards to fight the monarchists. Vigo on January 23 reported that troops under Colonel Silvaramos were disobeying Lisbon's orders and had joined the royalists under Santarem.

THE RUSSIAN CONCERT.

Almost every musician who comes here is said by someone or other to be world-famous, and people discount it. But there should be no discounting of Sklarevski the pianist and Sykora the cellist, whose programme for Wednesday night is given below. Their reputation is genuine and secure.

PART I.

1.—Beethoven:—
Sonata Op. 69 for piano and cello
Allegro ma non tanto
Scherzo
Adagio cantabile—
Allegro vivace.
A. SKLAREVSKI AND B. SYKORA.

2.—(a) Oswald:—
Andante Affectuoso.
(b) Lotti:—
Aria.
(c) Boccherini:—
Minuet.
(d) Piatti:—
Air Baskyrs.
B. SYKORA.

3.—(a) Glazunov:—
Theme with variations, Op. 72, F-sharp minor.
(b) Glinka:—
Separation.
(c) Liadow:—
Waltz, F-sharp minor, Op. 9 No. 1.
(d) Borodine:—
In the Convent, C-sharp minor.
(e) Rubinstein:—
Waltz Caprice, E-flat major.
A. SKLAREVSKI.

INTERVAL.

PART II.

4.—Tschaikowski:—
Variations sur un theme,—Rococo.
Theme: Moderato Simplice.
Variation 1 Tempo della Thema.
2 " "
3 Andante Sostenuto.
4 Andante Grazioso.
5 Allegro Moderato.
6 Andante.
7 Allegro vivo.
B. SYKORA.

5.—Chopin:—
Ballade, A-flat major, Op. 47.
Etude, C-sharp minor, Op. 25 No. 5.
Etude, G-flat major, Op. 10 No. 5.
Polonaise, A-flat major, Op. 53.
A. SKLAREVSKI.

MARRIAGE.

STEWART—LANDER.

At St. John's Cathedral at 2.30 this afternoon, the Rev. Arthur Dudley Stewart and Miss Katherine Mary Josephine Lander, daughter of the Rt. Rev. G. H. Lander, D.D., Bishop of Victoria, were married. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Barnett, assisted by the Rev. V. H. Copley Moyle and the Rev. Lee Kau Yan. The bride was given away by her father.

The bridal dress was a beautiful arrangement of white georgette crepe, draped style, with a train of liberty satin embroidered in white silks and an illussine veil and orange blossom.

Acting as bridesmaids were the Misses Dorothy Lander and Aileen Hastings, they being daintily dressed in gold georgette over gold satin, draped style, and wore Tete de Negre picture hats of velvet and georgette crepe trimmed with ostrich feathers.

The Rev. C. B. Shann was "best man."

During the ceremony, the following hymns were sung by the choir: "Blessed are the pure in heart" and "Come, Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove."

Following the ceremony, about 250 guests were entertained at "Bishop's House," St. Paul's College.

Rev. and Mrs. Stewart left later in the afternoon for Shatin Gap where the honeymoon will be spent.

The guests included H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, H.E. Major-General Ventris, Sir William and Lady Rees-Davies, Hon. Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Holyoak and children, Hon. Mr. H. E. and Mrs. Pollock, the Puisne Judge, Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Major and Mrs. Armstrong, Major and Mrs. Walmsley, Mr. and Mrs. Dyer Ball, Mr. G. A. Hastings, Mrs. H. Philips, Mrs. Burnett, Rev. W. Rodgers, Surgeon-General and Mrs. Dreaper, Rev. Dr. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Compton, Commander and Mrs. Myburgh, Mr. C. Gerken, Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Stabb, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kirk Maconachie, Rev. and Mrs. T. W. Featherstone, Rev. and Mrs. Hewitt, Dr. Saunders, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, Mr. J. S. Harrington. Many Chinese were present. St. Stephen's and St. Paul's Colleges both being represented. Many members of the Church Missionary Society (South China Mission) were also present.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative Orders by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant.

STRENGTH.

Lieut. H. L. Cumming is permitted to resign his commission in the Corps with effect from 13th January, 1919.

2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

No. 660 Pte. S. H. West, "D" Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, to date from day of departure.

No. 506 Pte. A. Mackenzie is permitted to resign under Section 7 (2) of the Military Service Ordinance 1917, dated 22.1.19.

APPOINTMENT.

No. 804 Sergeant B. W. Grey, having returned from leave, is appointed acting Company Sergeant-Major, "D" Company, dated 17th January, 1919.

TRANSFERS.

No. 281 Corpl. C. J. Poole and No. 386 Pte. H. Pomeroy are transferred from "A" Company to the Engineer Company, dated 23.1.19.

No. 789 Pte. J. V. Gomes is transferred from the Signalling Section to the Engineer Company, dated 23.1.19.

LEAVE.

Spr. W. Brown, Engineer Company, is granted nine months' leave, from 10.4.19.

Pte. H. T. Palmer, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave, from 1.3.19.

Pte. J. Barthwick, "B" Coy., is granted nine months' leave, from 23.2.19.

Pte. J. Morris, "A" Coy., is granted 10 months' leave, from 5.3.19.

Pte. C. H. Gale, "B" Coy., is granted 12 months' leave, from 1.2.19.

Pte. A. Logan, M.G. Coy., is granted three months' leave, from 22.1.19.

Pte. J. McCubbin, "D" Coy., is granted nine months' leave, from 23.1.19.

Pte. E. B. Dovey, "A" Coy., is granted nine months' leave, from 31.1.19.

Pte. H. H. J. Gompertz, Sig. Sec., is granted 12 months' leave, from 3.2.19.

Pte. F. W. S. Evans, "A" Coy., is granted one year's leave, from 20.3.19.

Orders for Artillery Company by Major J. H. W. Armstrong, V.D.

Monday, 27th Jan.—Left Half Coy. Full drill at Pakshawan (Lyeemun). Parade at Causeway Bay Tram Terminus at 4.40 p.m. Quarry Bay members may join tram at Quarry Bay.

Tuesday, 28th Jan.—Right Half Coy. New Layers' Class only. 7.30 a.m. at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 31st Jan.—Right Half Coy. Full drill at Pakshawan (Lyeemun). Parade at Causeway Bay Tram Terminus at 4.40 p.m. Left Half Coy.—New Layers' Class only. 5.15 p.m. at Belchers Battery.

Gun Practices for both Half Companies will take place on Sunday, 9th Feb., at Belchers, Sub-Calibre, day; Monday, 10th Feb., at Pakshawan, Sub-Calibre, night; Sunday, 9th March, at Belchers, Half Charge, day; and Monday, 10th March, at Pakshawan, Half Charge, night.

Musketry Course will be fired on Sunday, 23rd March, Right Half Coy., at King's Park Range, Kowloon, and Left Half Coy., at Quarry Bay.

Orders for Engineer Company, by Captain W. Russell.

KIT INSPECTION.

A parade will be held on Tuesday, January 28, at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. January 28, at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. No exemption from this parade will be granted. Taikoo Residents will parade on Taikoo Recreation Ground on Tuesday, 28th instant, at 5.30 p.m. All exempt men will parade. Sergt. Everest will attend at Taikoo. Dress:—Full marching order with 150 rounds of ammunition.

Dinner Committees will meet at Headquarters immediately after the parade on Tuesday, 28th inst.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan.

FIELD DAY.

The Infantry Battalion (less "D" Company) will parade on Sunday, 26th January, for Battalion Field Firing and Quarterly Judging Distance test.

The Mounted Section and Signalling Section will parade as Infantry.

The Machine Gun Coy., will parade with two guns.

Time of parade.—8.10 a.m.

Place.—Outside Kowloon Railway Station.

Dress.—Field Service order with great-coats. Helmets to be worn. Water-bottles filled. Food in haversacks.

Ammunition.—20 rounds per man and 500 rounds per gun will be issued at Fanling.

Canteen will be available at Fanling.

The train will leave Kowloon for Fanling at 8.25 a.m. and return from Fanling at 5.19 p.m.

Reference Infantry Battalion Orders dated 17.1.19, the Field Day ordered for 23rd February will take place on 16th February.

PARADES.

All N.C.Os. and men who were attached to the Engineer Company (except those who have completed their Annual Course of T.E.T.) and Cunuda [those who have not yet completed their T.E.T.) will parade on Tuesday, 28th, and Thursday, 30th January, at Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. for T.E.T. Dress: Drill order with pouches and dumbbies. Officer in charge, Captain Kennett, V.D.

The following N.C.Os. will attend:—Sergts. Edmonds, Oxberry and Green.

ANNUAL MUSKETRY COURSE.

Monday, 27th Jan.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at King's Park Range for all N.C.Os. and men in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 Platoons who have completed their T.E.T. (or are exempted from passing them) and have not fired these practices. Dress, drill order with pouches. Platoon, etc., Commanders will see that every man who has to fire attends. Officer in charge, Lieut. F. C. Hall. Two N.C.Os. from No. 1 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Wednesday, 29th Jan.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 13, 14 and 19, at King's Park Range for N.C.Os. and men as above in No. 8 Platoon, Machine Gun Coy., Mounted Section and Signalling Section. Officer in charge, Lieut. Rees. Two N.C.Os. from No. 4 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

Friday, 31st Jan.—4.15 p.m. Part 3, Practices 13 and 16, at King's Park Range for N.C.Os. and men as above in Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 Platoons. Officer in charge, Lieut. Branch. Two N.C.Os. from No. 7 Platoon (to be detailed by Platoon Commander) will attend to assist.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY.

All N.C.Os. and men (except members of the Fire Brigade) will attend the Field Day on Sunday, 26th January.

Parade outside Kowloon Railway Station at 8.10 a.m. Field Service order with coats (rolled) and helmets. Water-bottles filled. Food in haversacks. Rifles to be carried.

Tuesday, 28th Jan.—7.10 a.m. No. 3 Gun. M.G. Drill, at Headquarters. 5.10 p.m. Nos. 4 and 5 Guns. M.G. Drill, at Headquarters.

Thursday, 30th Jan.—5.10 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Guns. M.G. Drill, at Kowloon Docks. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

MOUNTED SECTION.

Thursday, 30th Jan.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stables. Dress, drill order.

RECRUITS.

Tuesday, 28th, and Thursday, 30th Jan.—5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units, except "D" Company, will parade at Headquarters and report to Sergt. Edmonds. Dress, drill order with pouches.

"D" COMPANY.

N.C.Os. and men in possession of long rifles are requested to send the numbers to the O.C. Company as soon as possible.

Tuesday, 28th Jan.—5.15 p.m.—No. 1 Section at Kennedy Road Range, T.E.T. Grouping. Dress, drill order without rifles.

Thursday, 30th Jan.—5.15 p.m.—No. 2 Section at Kennedy Road Range as above.

Orders for Cadet Company, by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

PARADES.

Monday, 27th Jan.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections at Kennedy Road Range. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 29th Jan.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Sections at Gun Club Hill Range. 5.15 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

G. E. STEWART, Captain,
Adjutant, H.K. Defence Corps.
Hongkong, January 24, 1919.

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

WEATHER REPORT.

January 25d. 12½. 35m.—No returns from Japan, Vladivostock and the Philippines. Pressure has increased slightly to moderately at the majority of reporting stations, an anticyclone having developed over N. China. The monsoon will probably freshen during the next 24 hours.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 0.36 inches, against an average of 0.94 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on January 26, 1919:

1.—Hongkong to Cap Rock N. and N.E. winds, fresh; cloudy, drizzling rain or mist.

2.—Formosa Channel: The same as No. 1.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Lamocks: The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan: The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES, *Chief Assistant.*

HONGKONG REGISTER.

	Previous Day at 8 a.m.	On date at 6 a.m.	On date at 8 p.m.
Barometer	29.92	29.97	30.01
Temperature	70	63	63
Humidity	88	97	90
Direction of Wind	E	ENE	WNW
Force	2	1	2
Weather	c	cdf	cdf
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.02

Highest open air Temperature on the 24th-25th 70
Lowest open air Temperature on the 25th-26th 62

T. F. CLAXTON, *Director.*
Hongkong Observatory, Jan 25, 1919.

HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Almanac Office in London from the result of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the Water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1909-9.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be 4 feet 3 inches below mean sea-level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide gauge at the Victoria Naval Yard add 3 feet 4 inches, and on the gauge at Lamont Dock, Aberdeen, add 10 feet 1 inches to the height given in the table.

January 26 to February 2, 1919.

Week Day	Day	High Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Height	Low Water: Hongkong Mean Time	Height
		h. m.	feet	h. m.	feet
Sun.	26	m 5 46	3.6	m 0 4	3.0
		a 4 48 a	0.1	m 9 41	3.5
Mon.	27	m 8 0	3.6	m 10 56	2.5
		a 5 30 a	0.5	m 10 20	3.6
Tues.	28	m 8 48	3.5	m 11 39	1.9
		a 6 22 a	0.7	m 11 54	3.7
Wed.	29	m 9 7	3.0	m 9 17	0.4
		a 7 7 a	1.1	a 0 27 a	3.6
Thur.	30	m 9 13	4.1	m 2 2	1.0
		a 7 51 a	1.6	a 1 22 a	3.4
Fri.	31	m 9 17	4.4	m 3 26	0.7
		a 8 31 a	1.9	a 2 9 a	3.1
Sat.	1	m 10 8	4.6	m 4 0	0.3
		a 9 18 a	1.8	a 2 35 a	2.7
Sun.	2	m 10 40	4.5	m 4 34	0.6
		a 10 4 a	1.7	a 3 40 a	2.4

CHARGE AGAINST POLICE RESERVIST.

Henrique d'Aquino, a Police Reservist, and José Portaria were again before Mr. C. D. Melbourne yesterday afternoon, when Chow Kau was also summoned in conjunction with them for demanding $30 from Lai Yee, a Chinese woman, who lived at 8, Sai Street, and for larceny of $2.70 at the same address.

The accused were defended by Mr. F. X. d'Almada, and Mr. F. C. Jenkin (D. S. P. R.) watched the proceedings.

Lai Yee, the woman, gave evidence to the effect that at 2 p.m. on the 31st December, the three accused and another man, not in custody, came to her house and accused her of keeping a house of ill-fame. Not succeeding in getting hush-money from her, they left, but returned later, bringing with them a piece of paper, purported to be a warrant. They asked her for $30, which they said would be for the purpose of procuring wine for the Police Inspector to drink. Under threats of arrest, she was induced to give them $20, which they took and quickly left.

Further evidence was given and the case was again adjourned.

DEATH.

LAU CHUNG.—On the 24th, instant at his Residence No. 6, Basilea, Lyttleton Road, Hongkong, the Rev. James Lau Chung, aged 81 years: (Australian Papers please copy).

WANTSAI DISTRICT SCHOOL.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION.

Mr. R. E. O. Bird, M.A., Acting Inspector of English Schools gave away the prizes at Wantsai District Government School yesterday. Mr. R. J. Birbeck, M.A. Headmaster, in the report he presented said that he still had to complain that he found great difficulty in getting the boys to answer questions on every day matters. He thought however that during the present year an improvement in this respect would take place. Acting on a suggestion made last year by Mr. Ralphs, Mr. Leung Shiu-n started an English Speaking Club, which met once a week when papers were read and discussed and speeches made. This has done a great deal of good and a Special Prize has been awarded for the best speaker. During the year there have been no changes in Class Masters, but the Staff has been considerably strengthened by the appointment of Mrs. Floyd, who takes every Class in the School in their Reading books—an arduous task he was afraid—but it would greatly improve the Colloquial in the School.

Mr. Bird after presenting the prizes congratulated the School on the successful year just passed. He was pleased to see from the Mark Sheets that there were many boys who deserved prizes in addition to those who had got them. He expressed his pleasure that an English Speaking Club had been formed and had been doing such good work throughout the year and hoped that more clubs would be formed. He advised all those who were returning to their homes to see that their young brothers did not wait too long before coming to school. The time to begin learning English was nine or ten, not fourteen or fifteen, and he hoped they would impress this fact on their fathers and mothers. Finally he congratulated the school on winning the Junior Football League and on the interest they were taking in improving their surroundings by making flower beds in all possible places. (Cheers).

GOLF.

ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

For the Chinese New Year Holidays the following competitions have been arranged for Fanling.

Running Bogey Pool for men over the Main Course from Saturday to Monday 1st to 3rd February.

Mens Shanghai Foursomes (Medal Play) over the Main Course on Saturday afternoon.

Mixed Doubles (Medal Play) over the Main Course on Monday afternoon.

Entrance Fee to all Competitions $1 per card, 50 per cent. of the Entrance Fees to be devoted to War Charities.

CAPTAIN'S CUP.

The play off for the 1918 competition has now reached the final stage, the finalists being H. A. Lawson and A. Morrison. It is hoped to play the final on Sunday 2nd February. The Winner of the January round for this cup is A. Morrison with a score of 95-12 = 83 net.

COPPIN CUP.

The competition for this Cup for 18 handicaps has been extended to the end of April and the conditions modified permitting any number of cards to be put in the best four cards to count.

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COMMERCIAL.

AMERICA'S COTTON CROP.

On December 11, 1918, the crop reporting board of the Bureau of Crop Estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture estimated that the total American cotton crop for the season 1918-19 will amount to 5,593,529,000 lb. (not including linters), which is equivalent to 11,700,000 bales of 500 lb. gross each, as compared with 11,302,375 bales for the previous season.

The total was telegraphed at the time by the American Wireless Service, but the estimates for each of the cotton growing states is of interest:—

	1918.	1917.
Virginia	26,000	18,777
N. Carolina	570,000	417,980
S. Carolina	1,500,000	1,236,871
George	2,100,000	1,883,011
Florida	25,000	27,858
Alabama	920,000	517,800
Mississippi	1,210,000	905,534
Louisiana	525,000	398,729
Texas	2,580,000	3,123,378
Arkansas	935,000	973,752
Tennessee	320,000	240,525
Missouri	70,000	60,891
Oklahoma	550,000	959,061
California	100,000	57,825
Arizona	51,000	21,737
All others	8,000	5,666
Total	11,700,000	11,302,375

The estimated crop for the present season thus exceeds the actual crop of 1917-18 by roundly 400,000 bales.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

An estimate made at Alexandria early in November places the 1918-19 cotton crop of Egypt at 5,250,000 cantars of 99 lb.

For statistical purposes the Egyptian cotton year begins September 1 and ends August 31. Almost the entire crop is grown for export. In normal times, with the exception of the limited number of bales shipped from Port Said, the whole business of exportation is handled through Alexandria. During the past year, however, owing to disturbed shipping conditions, the shipments from Port Said increased. All cotton exported from Port Said has been pressed in Alexandria.

According to the figures published by the Alexandria General Produce Association, the arrivals at Alexandria during the cotton year 1917-18 amounted to 6,307,619 cantars. A recapitulation of the movement and the stocks on hand is given below:

	Cantars.
Stock at Alexandria Sept. 1, 1917	226,000
Receipts	6,307,619
Total	6,533,618
Exports	5,468,002
Local consumption	58,726
Destroyed by fire	2,000
Total	5,526,819
Stock on hand August 31, 1918 including 65,587 cantars at Port Said	1,106,800

RICE STANDARDS.

It seems very doubtful if the efforts of rice importers, Government representatives, and others in the United States to standardize the qualities of foreign rice sold in the United States will meet with full co-operation in the Hongkong market, writes Mr. G. E. Anderson, the American Consul-General. Efforts have been made recently by the Rice Association of San Francisco, in particular, to secure a recognition of standards. With a view to securing Hongkong co-operation, that association submitted to the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce—which body in turn referred the matter to the Association of Exporters in Hongkong—tentative standards based upon the average of actual deliveries in San Francisco as follows:—

Maximum broken allowed in—
No. 1 Siam garden, 5 per cent.
No. 1 Siam straight, 10 per cent.
No. 1 Siam usual, 20 per cent. (consisting of No. 1 Siam straight and No. 1 Saigon long, one-half each).
No. 1 Saigon long, 15 per cent.
No. 1 Saigon round, 15 per cent.
Broken to be half grains and under, excluding brewers.

It was also proposed that in the future all surveys of qualities and stowage be conducted under the auspices of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, which shall issue, under its seal, a certificate showing the percentage of broken rice in each shipment.

The matter was taken up with the Chinese dealers in rice in Hongkong, and a counter-proposal was made accepting the San Francisco agreement provided the percentage of broken in No. 1 Saigon long and No. 1 Saigon round each be advanced to 20 per cent, and conditional upon the certificate of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce being final as to the facts covered by it. The matter rests upon the acceptance by San Francisco authorities of the Hongkong proposal.

AMERICA TO EXTEND TRADE.

Aid to and extension of American foreign trading are provided for in the next annual executive judicial appropriation bill for 1920. The measure carries an appropriation of $66,317,000, approximately $7,000,000 more than the 1919 bill. For American foreign export trade an appropriation of $905,500 is provided. For the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce of the Department of Commerce the appropriation will be doubled over that of 1919. It is contemplated to send agents of the bureau throughout the world to investigate opportunity for American business. The home personnel of the bureau will also be increased so that foreign information and the world markets may be readily available to American business men. Assistance will be given to American firms engaged in foreign trade. An additional staff on trade advice is provided for the State Department.

WINGARNIS
THE WINE OF LIFE

"For the Blood is the Life."

YOUR BLOOD WANTS PURIFYING.

IF YOU are troubled with Eczema, Blotches, Spots, Pimples, Boils, Sores or Eruptions of any kind continually bursting through the skin.

IF YOU have that constant itching and inflammation of Piles.

IF YOU are suffering the aches and pains of Bad Legs, Abscesses, Ulcers, Scrofulous and Ulcerated Sores, Glandular Swellings, Blood Poison, etc.

IF YOU are in the grip of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout, etc.

All these are sure signs of clogging blood impurity, calling for immediate treatment through the blood, so don't waste your time and money on useless lotions and messy ointments, which cannot get below the surface of the skin. What you want and what you must have is a medicine that will get right to the root of your trouble, a medicine that will thoroughly free the blood of the poisonous matter which alone is the true cause of all your suffering. Clarke's Blood Mixture is just such a medicine. It is composed of ingredients which quickly attack, overcome, and expel from the blood all impurities (from whatever cause arising), and by rendering it clean and pure, can be relied on to effect a lasting cure.

The True Value of CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE is certified by a most remarkable collection of unsolicited testimonials from grateful patients of all classes—patients who have been cured after doctors and hospitals have given them up as incurable—patients who have been cured after trying many other treatments without success—patients who not only have been cured of the particular Skin or Blood Complaint from which they were suffering, but also have found great improvement in their general health. (See pamphlet round bottle.)

Over 50 years success. Pleasant to take and warranted free from anything injurious. Of all Chemists and Storekeepers. REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Clarke's Blood Mixture

The World's Best Blood Purifier.

CURES ALL SKIN & BLOOD DISEASES

WHY TAKE OIL OR SALTS?

when perfect regularity can be ensured by the occasional use of

PINKETTES

the dainty little liver and bowel regulators which act as gently as nature.

Pinkettes are laxative perfection; cure biliousness, torpid liver, sick headaches, pimples and skin blemishes. Of chemists, or send 60 cents for a vial to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 96 Szechuen Road, Shanghai.

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS for Ladies

A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands of Ladies always keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house, as they are the first signs of any irregularity of the System a timely dose may be administered. Those who use them recommend them, hence their enormous sale. All Chemists and Stores sell them throughout the World, or post free 6/-. MARTIN, Chemist, Southampton, Eng.

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS for Ladies

NOTICE

Messrs. CROSSE & BLACKWELL much regret that for the first time for a hundred years war conditions prevent many of their products being shipped to Hongkong and China. They much appreciate the letters they are receiving, and in reply would state that it is fully recognised here that under the circumstances of life in China the absence of English delicacies and foods is a very real hardship.

Messrs. CROSSE & BLACKWELL will take care that not a day shall be lost in forwarding supplies when a return to more normal conditions permits. In the meantime they trust that those who have been accustomed to rely on their products will be good enough to accept this explanation.

Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne

THE ORIGINAL AND ONLY GENUINE.

Acts like a charm in DIARRHŒA, and is the only Specific in CHOLERA and DYSENTERY.

Checks and arrests FEVER, CROUP, AGUE. The Best Remedy known for COUGHS, COLDS, ASTHMA, BRONCHITIS. The only Palliative in NEURALGIA, GOUT, RHEUMATISM.

Chlorodyne is a liquid taken in drops, graduated according to the malady. It invariably relieves pain of whatever kind; creates a calm refreshing sleep; allays irritation of the nervous system when all other remedies fail; leaves no bad effects; and can be taken when no other medicine can be tolerated.

CONVINCING MEDICAL TESTIMONY WITH EACH BOTTLE.

None Genuine without the words Dr. J. Collis Browne's Chlorodyne on the Stamp.

Sold by all Chemists. Prices in England, 1/1½, 2/9, 4/6.

Sole Manufacturers: J. T. DAVENPORT, Ltd., London, S.E.

INTIMATIONS

PEAK TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME-TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 8.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.—Every 10 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.—Every 30 minutes.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.—Saturdays only—Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.—Every 30 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.—Saturdays only—Every 15 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.—Every 15 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS.

8.50 p.m., 9.30 p.m., 10 p.m., 10.30 p.m., 11 p.m., 11.30 p.m. and 11.45 p.m.

SUNDAYS.

7.30 a.m.
8.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.—Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.—Every 10 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12 noon—Every 15 minutes.
12.00 noon to 12.30 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.30 p.m.—Every 15 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.—Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.—Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.—Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS EXTRA CARS.

1.30 p.m. and 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS by arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Voeux Road Central.

Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full running at the time stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars, can be obtained on application at the Company's Office. No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, *General Managers.*

ASAHI BEER



SOLE AGENTS:
MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA,

EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, January 25, 1919.

On London—	
Bank, Wire	3/3
,, On demand	3/3⅛
,, 30 days' sight	3/3⅛
,, 4 months' sight	3/3⅛
Credits, 4 months' sight	3/4⅛
Documentary, 4 months' sight	3/4⅛
On Paris—	
On demand	422½
Credits, 4 months sight	439½
On New York—	
On demand	77½
Credits, 60 days' sight	——
On Bombay—	
Wire	nom.
On demand	——
On Calcutta—	
Wire	nom.
On demand	——
On Singapore—	
On demand	138½
On Manila—	
On demand	157
On Shanghai—	
On demand	nom.
30 days' sight (private paper)	——
On Yokohama—	
On demand	149
Gold Leaf, 100 fine (per tael)	43.40
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	$ 6.05 n.
Silver (per oz.)	46 7/16 d.
Bar Silver in Hongkong	35 ⅞ pm. n.
Chinese Copper Cash	2½ ⅞ pm.
Chinese Copper Cents	0 ⅞ pm.
Rate of Native Interest	7½ ⅞ p.a.
Chinese Sub-Coin	½ ⅞ dis.
Hongkong Sub-Coin	par.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

HONGKONG, 24th JANUARY, 1919.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

11 A.M.

BANKS.
Hongkong Banks, $745 b., 747½/50 sa.

MARINE INSURANCES.
Canton Ins. $405 n.
North China Ins. T. 117½ b.
Union Ins. $945 sa.
Yangtsze Ins. $205 b.
Far Eastern's T. 26 n.

FIRE INSURANCES.
China Fire Ins. ...$158 b. & 158 sa.
Hongkong Fire Ins.... ... $340 b.

SHIPPING.
Douglases $88 b.
H.K. Steamboats $21½ b., 21¾ sa.
Indo Chinas (Pref.)... ... $81 b.
,, Do. (Def.) $153 b., 154 sa.
Shell Transports 135/6 n.
Star Ferries $35 b.

REFINERIES.
China Sugars $98 sa.
Malabon Sugars$37½ b.

MINING.
Kailan Mining Adm.... ... 47/- b.
Langkats T. 20½ sa.
Raubs $2 b.
Tronoh Mines... 40/- n.
Ural Caspians 32/- n.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &c.
H. & K. Wharfs ... $120 b., 130 sa.
H. & W. Docks ... $155 b. & 158 sa.
Shai Docks T. 130 sa.
New Engineerings ... T. 24½ b.

LAND, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.
Central Estates... $108 n.
Hongkong Hotels $90 n.
Hongkong Lands $100 b.
Humphreys $72 b.
Kowloon Lands $34 b.
West Points $70 b.

COTTON MILLS.
Ewo Cottons T. 170 n.
Kung Yiks $14 sa.
Laou Kung Mows ... $122½ b.
Orientals $58 b.
Shanghai Cottons $150 n.
Yangtszepoos $8½ b.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Cements $8.80 b.
China-Bornoos $12 sa.
China Lights $6 n.
China-Providents $8½ n.
Dairy Farms $25½ sa.
H.K. Electrics $70 b.
Macau Do. $33½ b.
Hongkong Ropes $35 n.
H.K. Tramways $7.80 n.
Peak Tramways (Old) $7 b.
do. (New) ... $ 70 b.
Steam Laundries ... $3½ b. & 4 sa.
H.K. Steel Foundries... ... $12 n.
Water-boats $12 b. & 12½ sa.
Watsons $3.85 n.
Powells $9½ b.
Wiseman's... $25 b.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up ... $1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property, &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandize.
Loans made on the Provident System.
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed.
(Rate and Particulars on application)
To the Office of
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

BANKS.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:
No. 2 Queen's Road Central.

CAPITAL $2,000,000.

DIRECTORS:
Mr. Pong Wai Ting.—Chairman.
Mr. Chow Shou Son, Mr. Li Koon Chuen,
Mr. Kan Ying Po, Mr. Mok Ching Kong,
Mr. Chan Ching Shek, Mr. Wong Yuen Tong.
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Mr. Kan Tong Po.
ASST. MANAGER:
Mr. Li Tse Fong.

All Banking and Exchange business transacted. Loans granted on approved securities. Terms moderate.

Interest allowed on Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates,—
For 3 months at the rate of 3% per annum.
For 6 months at the rate of 4% per annum.
For 12 months at the rate of 5% per annum.

KAN TONG PO,
Chief Manager.

THE BANK OF TAIWAN, LTD.
(TAIWANGINKO).

INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL IMPERIAL CHARTER, 1899.

Capital Subscribed... Yen 20,000,000.
Capital (Paid-up) ... ,, 25,000,000.
Reserve Funds ,, 5,680,000.

HEAD OFFICE:
TAIPEH, FORMOSA.

BRANCHES:
JAPAN—TOKIO, YOKOHAMA, KOBE, OSAKA, MOJI.
FORMOSA—GIRAN, KAGI, KARENKO, KEELUNG, MAKUNG, PUNAN, SHINCHIKU, TAICHU, TAINAN, TAKOW, TAMSUI, TOKTEN, AMO.
CHINA—SHANGHAI, HANKOW, KIUKIANG, AMOY, FOOCHOW, SWATOW, CANTON.
OTHERS—HONGKONG, SINGAPORE, SOERABAYA, SEMARANG, BATAVIA, BOMBAY, LONDON, NEW YORK.

LONDON BANKERS:
Capital and Counties Bank, *London*, and South-Western Bank, Parr's Bank.

The Bank has Correspondents in the Commercial Centres in European Continent, Russia, Manchuria, Tsingtao, Chosen, Japan, Indo-China, Siam, India, Philippine Islands, Java, and other Dutch Indies, Australia, America, Africa, &c.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits at rates which will be quoted on application.

NAOKICHI YANAGITA,
Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH:
3, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, May 1, 1918.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... $15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS—
Sterling £1,400,000 @2/— $15,000,000
Silver 19,500,000
$34,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... $15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.
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HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of Two per cent. per annum on the daily balance
On FIXED DEPOSITS:—
For 3 months 2½ per cent. per annum.
,, 6 ,, 3½ ,, ,,
,, 12 ,, 4 ,, ,,

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, Oct. 16, 1918.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ PER CENT per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of $100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong May 14, 1918. 517

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL ... FRANCS 45,000,000
PAID UP CAPITAL ... ,, 22,500,000
(1/3 of the Capital, i.e., Francs 15,000,000 subscribed by the Government of the Chinese Republic).

Chairman of the Board of Directors ... ANDRE SIEGFRIED
General Manager ... A. J. PEREOTTI.

HEAD OFFICE:
74, Rue Saint-Lazare, PARIS.
BRANCHES:
PEKING, SHANGHAI, SAIGON, TIENTSIN, HAIPHONG, HONGKONG, YUNNANFOU,

BANKERS:
In FRANCE: Société Générale pour favoriser le Développement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.
In LONDON: London County Westminster & Parr's Bank, Ltd. London Joint City & Midland Bank, Ltd.
In NEW YORK: Redmond & Co. Correspondents in the chief commercial centres of the world.

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Local Currency and in Gold. Terms on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Special facilities for French exchange.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.
HONGKONG BRANCH:
Queen's Buildings,
5, Chater Road. Tel. 2448
Hongkong, Sept. 25, 1918. 12

NEDERLANDSCHE HANDEL-MAATSCHAPPIJ.
(NETHERLANDS TRADING SOCIETY)

ESTABLISHED 1824.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL £ 100,000,000 = ($48,333,333)
PAID-UP CAPITAL £ 70,000,000 = ($33,833,333)
RESERVE FUND £ 12,760,225 = ($1,052,571)

HEAD OFFICE—AMSTERDAM.
Branches at
The Hague Rotterdam
HEAD AGENCY—BATAVIA.
Branches at

BANDJARMASIN,	RANGOON.
BANDOENG,	SAMARANG,
CHERIBON,	SHANGHAI,
DJEMBER,	SINGAPORE,
DJOKJAKARTA,	SOERABAIA,
KOTA RADJA,	SOERAKARTA (Solo)
MAKASSAR,	LANGSA,
MEDAN,	TEGAL,
PADANG,	TELOK BETONG,
PALEMBANG,	TJILACAP,
PEKALONGAN,	WELTEVREDEN.
PENANG,	
POERWAKARTA,	

Correspondents at Bombay, Colombo, Madras, Pondicherry, Calcutta, Bangkok, Saigon, Haiphong, Hanoi, Amoy, Yokohama, Kobe, Melbourne, Sydney, New York, San Francisco, &c., &c.

LONDON BANKERS:—The Union of London and Smiths Bank, Limited.

The Bank buys and sells and receives for collection Bills of Exchange, issues letters of credit on its Branches and Correspondents in the East, on the Continent, in Great Britain, America, and Australia, and transacts banking business of every description.

J. F. VAN REES,
Manager.
Hongkong, Oct. 30, 1918.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.

HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

PAID-UP CAPITAL £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND £2,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS £1,200,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods, at rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. DOWNING,
Manager.
Hongkong, May 7, 1917.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Authorised Capital £1,500,000
Subscribed 1,125,000
Paid-up 562,500
Reserve Fund 450,000

BANKERS.
BANK OF ENGLAND.
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LIMITED.

Every description of Exchange business transacted.

INTEREST allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balances and on Fixed Deposits at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. L. SANDES,
Acting Manager.
No. 7 Queen's Road Central.
Hongkong, 28 December, 1918.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE (FRENCH BANK).

HEAD OFFICE:
15bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.

Capital Frs. 40,000,000
Reserves ,, 50,000,000

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES:

BANGKOK	HONGKONG	SAIGON
BATTAMBANG	MONGTZE	SHANGHAI
CANTON	NOUMEA	SINGAPORE
DUNKIRK	PAKHOI	TIENTSIN
HAIPHONG	PEKING	TOURANE
HANKOW	PNOM-PENH	VLADIVOSTOCK
HANOI	PONDICHERY	

BANKERS:
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IN LONDON: The National Provincial & Union Bank of England, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais.
IN NEW YORK: J.P. Morgan & Co.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangements.
Every description of Banking an Exchange Business transacted.

A. SIRE,
Acting Manager.
Hongkong, Oct. 19, 1918.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1880.

AUTHORISED CAPITAL ... Yen 48,000,000.00
PAID UP CAPITAL ... ,, 42,000,000.00
RESERVE FUND ,, 24,500,000.00

HEAD OFFICE—YOKOHAMA.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES AT

BOMBAY	NEWCHWANG
BUENOS AYRES	NEW YORK
CALCUTTA	OSAKA
CHANGCHUN	PEKIN
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FENGTIEN (MUKDEN)	SAN FRANCISCO
HANKOW	SHANGHAI
HONOLULU	SHANGHAI
HARBIN	SWATOW
KAI YUEN	SINGAPORE
KOBE	SOERABAYA
LONDON	SYDNEY
LOS ANGELES	TIENTSIN
LYONS	TOKIO
MANILA	URGA
NAGASAKI	TSINGTAU

Interest allowed on Current Accounts. Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.

EIICHI OSO,
Manager.
Hongkong, 15th Sept., 1918.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.

WHICH ARE VESTED THE SHARES OF

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.,
and
THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

TOTAL FUNDS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1918. £23,970,367

I—Authorised Capital £8,000,000
Subscribed Capital £4,500,000
Paid-up Capital ... £1,437,500
II—Fire Funds ... 3,857,047
III—Life & Annuity Funds... 17,567,590
Sinking Fund Account ... 108,230
£23,970,367

Revenue Fire Branch ... £2,381,455
Life and Annuity Branches ... 2,141,523
Revenue Marine Department ... 331,239
Other Receipts ... 475,940
£5,330,228

The Accumulative Funds of the various Branches are separately invested, and, by Act of Parliament, are set aside to meet the claims under the respective Departments of the Company's Business.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

(Continued from Page 1.)

BELATED DESPATCH.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The *Gazette* contains a despatch from General Milne describing the important part the British played in the offensive of last September against the Bulgarians between Lake Doiran and the Vardar.

The British fought sanguinary battles on September 18th and 19th, suffering and inflicting severe losses in assaults, dominating elaborately fortified heights, and the ridge at Grand Couronne.

These battles served their object—to pin down the Bulgarian reserves so that they would not be available to oppose the great Franco-Serbian attack which burst through and led to the utter defeat of the enemy.

The despatch incidentally mentions that when news of the Armistice with Turkey was received General Milne was actually on the River Maritza, ready to occupy Adrianople while the first Hellenic Corps was echeloned between Kavalla and Drama, and ready to participate in a general advance on Constantinople.

LABOUR MOVEMENTS.

The Ministry of Labour is calling attention to the difficulties that have arisen in connection with the forty-seven hours' agreement in the engineering and shipbuilding trades. It has arranged Conferences between the Employers' Federation and Trade's Unions with a view to settlement.

LONDON, January 22nd.

It is understood that the Railway Executive Committee has arranged to establish an eight hour day for railwaymen, commencing from February 1st.

AVIATION.

MELBOURNE, January 22nd.

The Commonwealth Government has sanctioned the formation of a Company to survey an aerial route between Australia and the East.

LONDON, January 22nd.

At an Imperial Air Fleet banquet, given to celebrate the British Empire war victory, at which General Birdwood, Mr. Richard Turner, and High Commissioners Perley and Thomas Mackenzie were present, the Under-Secretary of the Air Service, General Seely, dwelt on the part that British airmanship had contributed towards winning the war.

He said: "Britain must reign supreme in the air, in order to secure the peace of the world. We must have one great air fleet to help forward air traffic of the future. Plans have been made in the most elaborate detail for the establishment of great Imperial air routes."

He did not see any reason why, within the life time of nearly all of us, men should not have great air routes to all parts of the Empire.

NEW ZEALAND'S LOSSES.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The *Times'* correspondent at Wellington states that New Zealand's casualties in the war were 57,932, including 16,500 killed and only 45 taken prisoner.

TURKEY.

CONSTANTINOPLE, January 23rd.

The Anglo-French troops have taken over the administration of the Turkish railways, including the Bagdad railway.

ATHENS, January 23rd.

A message from Contantinople states that Kiamil Pasha, Commanding the Third Army, has been arrested on a charge of massacring Greeks and Armenians.

FLOODS IN EGYPT.

CAIRO, January 18th.

Egypt has had a deluge of rain. The environs of Cairo have been converted into lakes. Hundreds of Arab dwelling houses collapsed. Business is paralysed. The loss of life has been small.

"UNWRITTEN LAW" AGAIN.

MINEOLA (Texas), January 18th.

The Grand Jury refused to indict Madame Le Baudy for the murder of her husband, the so-called "King of the Sahara."

BRITISH WAR BONDS.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The subscriptions to the National War Bonds issue which closed on January 18th, exceeded sixteen hundred millions sterling.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, January 23rd.

Mr. William Hibberdine, one of the Administrative Heads of the Eastern Telegraph Company, who had been in the employ of the Company for nearly 50 years, died suddenly at his office to-day from heart failure.

[Mr. Hibberdine was only recently created a Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of the British Empire.]

THE SILVER MARKET.

LONDON, January 22nd.

The silver market is quiet.

IRISH REPUBLIC.

LONDON, January 23rd.

The Sinn Fein Parliament, held a Secret Session yesterday and appointed a Premier and four Ministers.

Their names have not been disclosed.

LONDON, January 22nd.

Two constables, escorting a cart containing gelignite in Tipperary, were shot dead by masked men who leaped from a fence and shouted "hands up." They fired on the constables, stripped their bodies, took their rifles and ammunition, drove off in the cart and disappeared.

FORMER HONGKONG CONSUL'S SUICIDE

ADDICTED TO DRUGS.

Full details are now to hand of the death of Mr. L. Alvarez Calderon, former Consul General for Peru in Hongkong who as was recorded in last night's issue of the "China Mail" shot himself in a San Francisco Hotel. Calderon's body was lying fully dressed on the floor of his bed-room. Apparently he had returned home during the night and had shot himself while standing with his back to a mirror. He still wore an overcoat and a partly smoked cigar was clutched in the fingers of his left hand. An automatic pistol lay beside the right hand, and the holster was in a half-opened drawer. The bullet, after passing through the left side of the body near the heart, dropped on the top of the bureau, where it was found. A San Francisco detective found a note under the door. It was from a Mr. Luis Devizia, 425 Broadway, San Francisco, who was employed in the Peruvian Consulate, and set forth that he was disappointed in not having met Calderon at the St. Francis Hotel earlier in the evening. Calderon was about 30 years of age and was a member of one of the wealthiest families in Peru. He had been head of the Peruvian Consulate in San Francisco since last August, before which he had been Consul General for Peru in this Colony. He was not married. Recently the mother, brother and sister of the dead man went to San Francisco to pay him a visit. They were brought there on account of reports of his ill health. They departed for their home in Lima, Peru, only a few days before his death. The father is Mr. Ezequilo Calderon, a wealthy banker. According to the Peruvian Vice Consul, Calderon had been extremely nervous of late on account of his health. The manager of the hotel where the shooting took place, told about Calderon having recently suffered from influenza and that he, the manager, was in the habit of taking a cup of coffee to Calderon each morning. He discovered the body when he visited the rooms. Calderon generally did not return home until after mid-night. When the police and deputies of the Coroner were searching the Consul General's effects they found quantities of narcotic tablets which indicate that he was a drug addict and ended his life after a losing battle against a habit that was enslaving him. The San Francisco Deputy Coroner, Mr. Frank Becker, who found the tablets, was also told that Calderon was frequently seen taking a white powder. Mr. Becker has made the following statement:—

"Persons who have knowlege of this will be summoned to the inquest into Calderon's death as there is an air of mystery connected with his suicide. He recently recovered from an attack of influenza, but there was no apparent reason why he should have killed himself.

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RESULTS OF OXFORD PRELIMINARY LOCAL.

(EXAMINATION TAKEN IN SEPTEMBER 1918).

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Kwok Hing Kai, Edgar V. Reed, and Chiu Yan Lok are placed in the Second Class Honours list, and Wong Chun Fuk in the Third Class Honours list.

It will be remembered that in the Hongkong University Matriculation Examination, held in July 1918 that seven boys from the above school were entered and seven passed, one with honours; and in the Hongkong Junior Examination twenty boys out of twenty-five who took the Examination passed. In the Junior Examination the Diocesan Boys' School gained eight Distinctions out of the total of sixteen Distinctions awarded to Boys' Schools in the Colony.

As there is no Hongkong Preliminary Examination, the Oxford Preliminary is taken each year.

GOVERNMENT GAZETTE ITEMS.

A proclamation making the forces in Hongkong subject to the Army Act till May 3 appears.

A Commission of Enquiry into Public Service Pay consists of Messrs. C. M. Ede, D. Landale, C. McI. Messer, R. G. Shewan, and Sir W. R. Davies, with Sir William as Chairman and Mr. J. A. E. Bullock as Chief Clerk.

Mr. E. Molino is recognized as Consul for Panama.

Dr. H. Macfarlane acts as P.C.M.O. during the leave of Dr. Connell-Johnson.

Mr. John Reynolds is appointed temporary Sanitary Inspector.

There was a large attendance at the whist drive held by the Garrison Sergeants' Mess, last night. Qr. Mr. Sergt. Sherrif carried out the duties of M. C. with despatch, and at the end of the play presented the prizes:—Ladies—1st, Mrs. Sears; 2nd, Mrs. Ovenden; 3rd, Mrs. Thornton. Gentlemen—1st, C.Q.M. Sergt. Rivers, R.G.A.; 2nd, Mr. Hart; 3rd, Staff Sergt. Bowen, R.A.S.C.; 4th Staff Sergt. Thornton, R.A.O.C.

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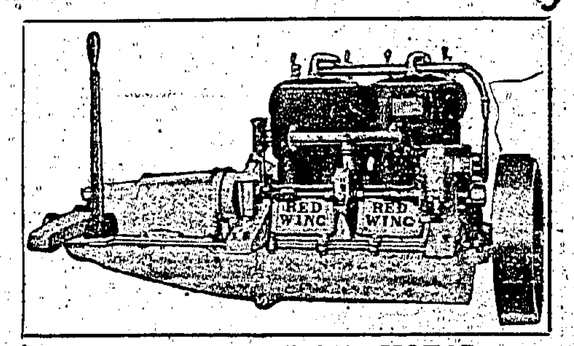
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INWARD MAILS.

FRIDAY, January 31.

Straits—Per DUNERA.

SATURDAY, February 1.

Straits—Per CHUNSANG.

OUTWARD MAILS.

SUNDAY, January 26.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per JOSHIN MARU, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO MARU, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per YINGCHOW, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, January 27.

Swatow and Straits—Per TAMING, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Shanghai and North China—Per TAI ANG, 5 p.m.

Haiphong—Per LOKSANG, 5 p.m.

TUESDAY, January 28.

Shanghai and North China—Per SINKIANG, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per HAITAN, 1 p.m.

Weihaiwei & Chefoo—Per KUEICHOW, 2 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, January 29.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Kobe, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per ECUADOR, Registration 9.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Takao—Per SOSHU MARU, 5.0 p.m.

THURSDAY, January 30.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUIYANG, 11 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Straits, Bangkok and EUROPE via Suez—Per NINGCHOW, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, January 31.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via San Francisco—Per SIBERIA MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m., Letters 10.30 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 2 p.m.

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